

Sustainable Queensland Forum

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Sustainable Queensland is a portal for Queensland professionals to share their expertise with the broader community, providing an expert vision of an alternative, sustainable way of doing business, an alternative narrative of what Queensland could look like based on the latest insights in the natural and human sciences.



Sustainable Queensland's contributors understand the complex interactions between physical, ecological, social and economic systems and the balancing act required by government and the community when formulating policy and making investment decisions for the long term health and prosperity of the State.

As a group of committed professionals, with a long history of service to the Queensland community, *Sustainable Queensland's* contributors consider it their social and professional obligation to apply their collective experience and expertise to:

- **Increase public understanding of socio ecological issues facing Queensland and of possible sustainable public and private sector responses to these issues; and**
- **Assist policy formation and drive innovation and continuous improvement in practice in the State.**



Sustainable Queensland aims to provide **advisory, analysis** and **educational** services to government, non-government organisations, peak industry groups, research bodies, and community organisations in Queensland.

Sustainable Queensland is founded on collegiality and the sharing of knowledge and experience for the common good.



Core Principles

- The broadest possible consideration must be given to any decision or piece of advice.
- Intergenerational equity must take precedent over a short term benefit.
- Sustainable economic development must deliver net social and environmental gain.
- The value of an environmental asset appreciates with time.
- The value of an engineered asset depreciates with time.
- A full Benefit Cost Assessment, incorporating social, economic and environmental factors, must underpin any policy or regulatory reform.

Sustainable Queensland's Patron is **Professor Ian Lowe AO**, former Head of School of Science and currently Emeritus Professor of Science, Technology and Society at Griffith University in Brisbane. Ian is also an adjunct Professor at Sunshine Coast University and Flinders University.

Sustainable Queensland's contributors include independent Queensland practitioners from across a wide spectrum of professional fields, including natural resource management, urban planning and design, agriculture, ecology and economics.