

Thank you for your timely outreach. I hope it brings good responses and that the House of Reps. listens.

1. In connection with Discussion Paper Items 1, 2, 5 & 7:

The recent debate about Sydney having outgrown its limits, c.f. e.g. cover Story "Arrogant Sydney", Australian Financial Review, Saturday, 16.08.2003 is indicative of the rediscovered priority to use urban space more thoughtfully and not as an endless commodity.

The environmental costs of our low density mega-cities involve very high energy, materials and water throughputs with all their ecological consequences. In addition the human costs of the life-styles pursued in these low density settings involve extensive health and social dysfunction such as obesity and isolation and their consequences.

We seem unable to meet the costs of maintaining social capital under these low density conditions.

A means to do something about these situations is to dramatically enhance public transport and bicycle use and a way to bring that about in our large urban agglomerations is to establish a public transport levy.

Two articles attached elaborate [Public Transport Levy & Widening ...].

2. In connection with DP Item 3.

re: water conservation one paper elaborates [Coming Water Wars].

3. In connection with DP Item 4.

re: waste management I refer you to two items which can be faxed on request:

a) "The social construction of design: a more comprehensive path to waste minimisation", Environment Management Industry Association of Australia Yearbook 1994, 96-98.

b) [Melbourne] Herald Sun, "The Rubbish Revolution", 12pp. series that commenced 19.07.1993 pp.1,4&5(editorial) and finished 04.08.1993 p.12, with an editorial page article by this author entitled: "Bin Sins Trashed: A system which charges for rubbish disposal by weight is not a penalty, but a reward for those who reduce their waste, Frank Fisher argues."

4. In connection with DP Item 6.

re: ecoefficiency and energy conservation as our primary energy SOURCE two papers elaborate [Environmental Sc. for the Third Millenium & Renewable Energy ...].

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