



Sustainable Regions Programme Evaluation: Questionnaire.

Please complete and return this form to the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) by Monday 6 December 2004.

Return details are provided on the last page.

Confidentiality

The DOTARS Analysis and Evaluation Team will ensure your responses are kept confidential. Your personal details will only be used to identify which region you are from so that we can report on the validity of responses we receive from each region. Once received, identifying information will be removed from your responses before being evaluated.

Instructions

Please answer all relevant questions as clearly and concisely as possible. Where there are square check boxes, please tick the appropriate box. For written responses please write in the appropriate entry field.

Any queries you may have in relation to completing the Survey Form should be directed to:
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Sustainable Regions Project Details

Name of your Organisation:

Your Name: Your Position:

Project Name:

Type of Organisation:

- Regional Organisation or Development Committee
- Business Group (Chamber of Commerce etc)
- Private Sector (Business/industry)
- Community Group (Not for Profit)
- Local Government
- Sporting/other Club
- Other

Which Sustainable Region is your project located in?

- Atherton
- Wide Bay Burnett
- Far North East NSW
- Campbelltown Camden
- Gippsland
- Playford Salisbury
- Cradle Coast
- Kimberley

The section above the dotted line will be removed to ensure your confidentiality.

Your Project

Question 1

Which of the following categories 'best reflects' your project's activity type?

(You may choose more than 1 category.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Planning, Feasibility and Research <i>E.g. Business plans and evaluations, industry development strategies, community development strategies, scientific / industrial and economic research.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Community capacity building and Service provision <i>E.g. skills training, networking, establishment of shared community facilities, access to IT, finance etc</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Improving / Expanding Business Capacity and Competitiveness <i>E.g. investment in private sector plant, equipment and buildings, enhancing products and marketing capability, improving business efficiency</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Improving Environmental Sustainability <i>E.g. investment in strategies, businesses or capital works that target improving environmental outcomes.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure (Hard) <i>E.g. major infrastructure projects, water, port upgrades etc.</i>
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If other category please describe.....

Target group

Question 2

Which target group, (if any) is your project primarily designed to assist?

(You may choose more than 1 category)

<input type="checkbox"/> People with Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Women	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Business
<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous	<input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural (Non English Speaking Background)
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> None

(If other target group please describe

Better Practice

Question 3

a) Has your project exceeded the outcomes you expected?

Yes No Unsure

b) Do you think your project has achieved outcomes that others might want to learn about?

Yes No Unsure

c) Did your project overcome particular difficulties that other regions might also be facing?

Yes No Unsure

d) If you answered yes to any of these 'better practice' questions, please briefly describe these achievements.

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Please feel free to provide any additional comments at the end of the questionnaire.

Employment

Question 4

a) Has your project created new employment opportunities?

- Yes No Unsure

If you answer is No or Unsure for this question please skip to question (5a) project outcomes.

b) Are these employment opportunities?

- Short Term (during the project) Long Term (after the project) Both (during and after the project)

c) Full-Time jobs created by your project

(Full-time is 35 or more hours per week, with an expectation of continuous employment and all the common conditions, annual leave sick leave etc)

During	After

d) Part-Time jobs created by your project

(Part-time is regularly employed, but works less hours than a full time employee, and receives same entitlement to conditions but at a proportionate level)

Please estimate numbers

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e) Casual jobs created by your project

(An employee who works on an irregular basis, as and when required by mutual consent)

Please estimate numbers

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Project Outcomes.

Question 5

a) What measures are used in your funding agreement to determine whether your project achieves/achieved its outcomes?

- Achievement of Milestones as per schedule Statistical measurements eg % of revenue, jobs created No measures chosen Other

If other please describe.

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b) Are those measurements still valid? Yes No Not applicable

Any comment.

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c) Have your project partners met their funding contribution commitments, as originally contracted?

- Well below original commitment Close to or meeting original commitment Exceeding original commitment

Any comment.

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Programme Performance

Question 6

PLEASE TICK THE BOX THAT BEST REPRESENTS YOUR OPINION ON THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.

	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
a) The information which the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) officers have provided to me was accurate and useful.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) The Sustainable Regions Programme is focussed on achieving the best results for my region.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) In my experience DOTARS keeps unnecessary procedures to a minimum.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) DOTARS has appropriate mechanisms in place for communicating with me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) DOTARS regularly follows up and monitors progress on my project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) The Sustainable Regions Programme funding for this project is making a significant difference in the region.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>

Any comment.

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Question 7

Please select the tick box corresponding to how much **your project has contributed** to:

a) Local Community Collaboration and Planning

No obvious contribution	Slight contribution	Measurable contribution	Significant contribution	Very large contribution
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Examples.....
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b) Local Leadership enhancement

No obvious contribution	Slight contribution	Measurable contribution	Significant contribution	Very large contribution
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Examples.....
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c) Local skills and learning

No obvious contribution	Slight contribution	Measurable contribution	Significant contribution	Very large contribution
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d) How many people have acquired new skills as a result of this project?

Examples.....
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e) Has your project made any other contributions, similar to the above initiatives, in your region?

Examples.....
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Other Outcomes

Question 8 Are there any unexpected or unintended outcomes that have arisen as a result of your project?

Yes No Unsure

Please describe the nature of these unexpected or unintended outcomes.
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