

**Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee**  
**Inquiry into public transport**

**Sustainable Transport Coalition of WA**

1. The STC was established in March 2001 as an incorporated nonprofit association to bring together individuals and organisations who wanted to make Perth less dependent on cars for its transport tasks. Perth's air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, road infrastructure costs and impacts of new roads, social disadvantage and declining physical activity show that being so reliant on motor vehicles is not sustainable.
2. We:
  - develop and advocate policy and action for sustainable transport
  - promote community awareness by education campaigns
  - involve people in taking action to make changes
  - research and lobby on issues of concern
  - monitor the policy and performance of government
  - network with others, seek support and raise funds.
3. The STC has been represented on various government committees (eg Transport Energy Strategy Committee, Walking WA, WA Rail Advisory Council, Steering Committee for the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus Trial and the Freight Network Review policy taskforce).
4. We have made submissions to a number of Government and Parliamentary Inquiries:
  - Commonwealth Government's AusLink Green Paper and National Aviation Policy Green Paper
  - WA's Draft State Sustainability Strategy
  - 2004 Review of the Liquid Fuel Emergency Act Submission
  - The 2005 House Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage *Sustainable Cities Inquiry*
  - The 2006 Senate Economics Committee *Price of Petrol in Australia Inquiry*
  - The 2007 Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee *Australia's Future Oil Supply Inquiry*
  - The 2008 Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy
5. The WA: *Beyond Oil Conference* on 21/2/2003 led to an emphasis in research on the world's oil supply and its policy implication for WA's and Australia's transport systems. The *Oil Living with Less Conference* on 9/8/2004 confirmed that 'peak oil' would occur before 2010 and had serious implications for Australia. The *Biofuels in Western Australia Conference* 9/5/2007 coincided with the launch of our new Alternate Fuels policy. Our most recent Conference was the *Fuelling Food Conference* on 3/10/2008.
6. The STC developed and distributed policy papers, that include:
  - Walking (2003)
  - Bicycle Transport (2003)
  - Oil: Living with Less (2004)
  - Alternative Fuels (2007)
  - Oil: Living with Even Less (2008)

- Statement on Light Rail (2009)
7. Other activities include:
- providing a free on-line electronic newsletter since 2006
  - conducting the annual Sustainable Transport Awards between 2004-07
  - developing local sustainable transport seminars with local government in Cockburn, Armadale, Fremantle, Vincent, Stirling and Victoria Park.

**Dr David Worth**  
**STC Committee Member**

Attachments for Inquiry members:

- Alternative Fuels (2007)
- Oil: Living with Even Less (2008)
- Statement on Light Rail (2009)
- World Oil supply in a historical context
- IEA and the world's future oil needs