Overview and background

- **2010 Election**
  - Commitment to develop measures of sustainability to help inform communities and decision makers.

- **May 2011**

- **2011-12 Budget**
  - Several measures supporting the Strategy, including $10.1m over four years for the Measuring Sustainability Program. Key product is the development of sustainability indicators for Australia.

Other Australian Government initiatives

- **Measures of Australia’s Progress**
  - Reports on a suite of national indicators aimed at helping Australians determine whether life is getting better.

- **The MyRegion Website**
  - Presents information on government-funded services and projects, as well as social, economic and population trends, at the regional level.

- **The State of Australian Cities Report**
  - Provides a snapshot of economic, environmental and social trends in Australia’s 18 largest cities.

- **The Intergenerational Report**
  - Focuses on the implications of demographic change for economic growth.

Measuring Sustainability Program

- **Program objectives**
  - Deliver reliable, relevant and accessible information on stocks and flows of economic, human, natural and social capital
  - Support consideration of sustainability issues in decision-making and planning at national and community levels, including decisions on trade-offs within and between different types of capital
  - Support community understanding of sustainability opportunities and challenges facing current and future Australian generations.

- **Products**
  - Sustainability Indicators for Australia
    - Directory of Sustainability Measurement
    - Sustainable Australia Report
**Conceptual Framework**

- **Wellbeing** (at national and community levels) reflects the combination of economic prosperity, community liveability and environmental sustainability, which are determined by the quality, quantity and use of stocks of economic, human, social and environmental capital.

- **Sustainability** depends on maintaining or enhancing the wellbeing of society over time, and therefore requires that the total stock of capital is maintained or improved for future generations.

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**Indicators to reflect key elements of the social, environmental and economic capital that underpin community wellbeing**

Selection with reference to the following principles:

- **Relevance**
- **Responsiveness**
- **Scalability**
- **Objectiveness**
- **Measurability and reliability**
- **Data availability**

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