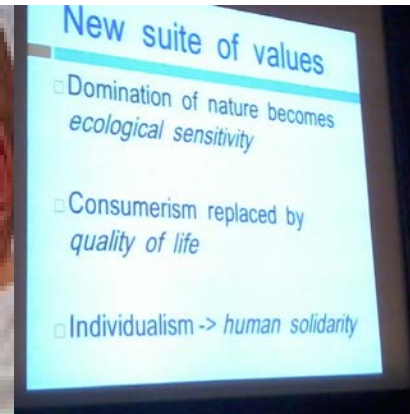
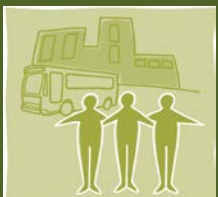


ACTING NOW ENGAGING WITH COMMUNITIES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

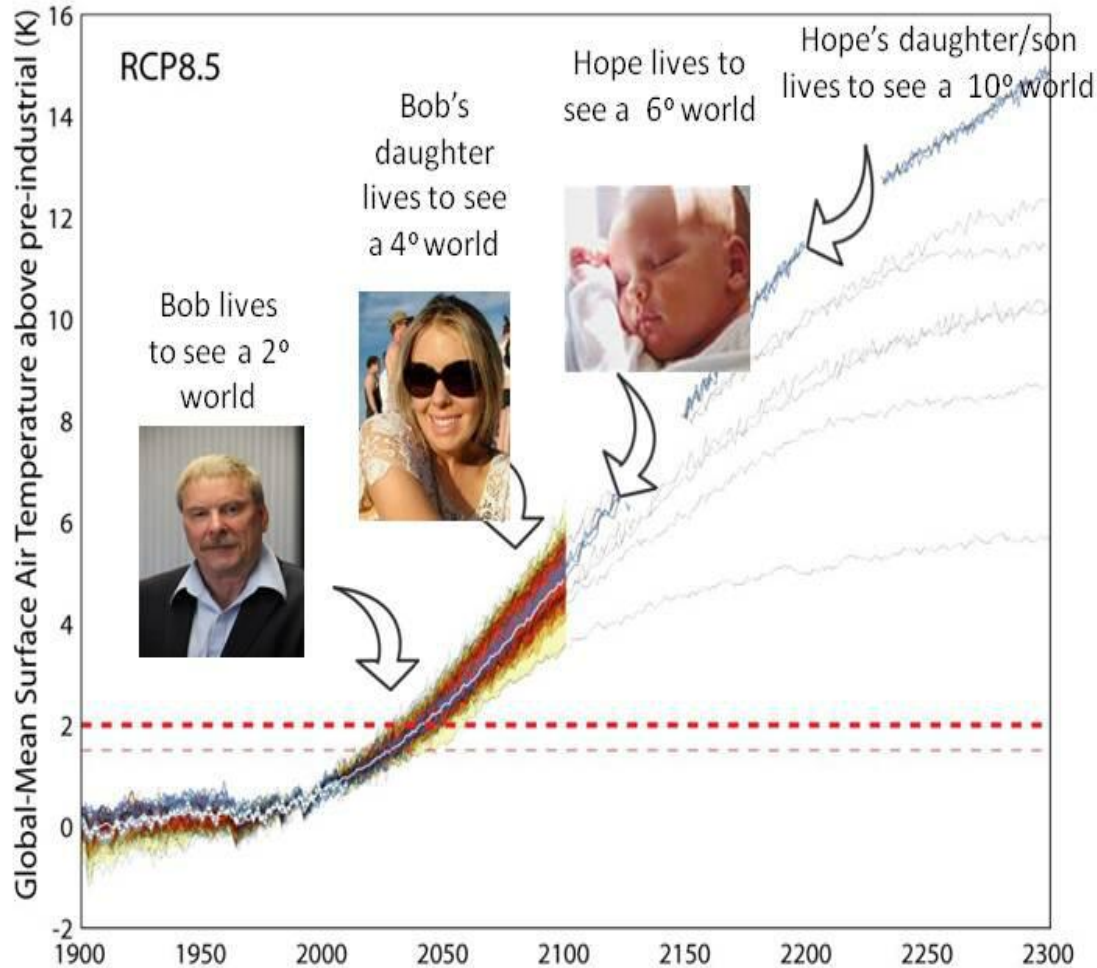


Presentation to Model Institutions for a Sustainable Future
Budapest April 2014

Julia Pitts



Our personal motivation is that the “inter-generations” are our children



(Source: Meinhausen, pers. comm. Photos based on an idea by Prof Brendan Mackey)



Big Coal , The Great Barrier Reef and crowd funding

North Queensland Conservation Council challenge to a decision to grant a permit to **dump 3 million cubic metres of dredge spoil in the GBR Marine Park and World Heritage Area**

Outstanding universal value that its conservation current and future generations.

Proposal for Abbot Point to be the biggest coal export facility in the world.

Permit triggered enormous community outcry

Challenge supported through public donations via GetUP

Online crowd funding

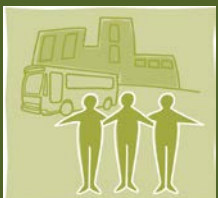


Participation through the legal system for future generations.

Atmospheric Trust case

Alec L V McCarthy, currently in the Courts now, brought by five individual teenagers, and two non-profits Kids vs. Global Warming and WildEarth Guardians, which represent thousands more young people.

The plaintiffs are supported by several youth organizations, including Earth Guardians, Global Kids, and the Boston Latin School Youth Climate Action Network, as well as elders through organizations like HelpAge International, Granny for Peace Brigade and the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers. Other social justice and human rights organizations supporting the youth include 350.org, WITNESS, and the Labor Network for Sustainability.

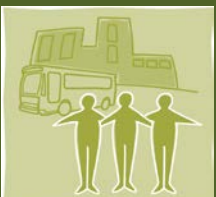


Conversations on Sustainable Futures at the National Level

The independent Australian National Sustainability Council established 2012 -First Annual Report 2013 '*Conversations with the Future*'.

Decisions and actions taken over the next 10 years will determine whether the next generation of Australians is the first in recent history to be worse-off than their parents and grandparents, or whether they are able to enjoy economic prosperity and stability, environmental amenity and function, and social cohesion that are comparable to – or better than – those we inherited.....

The Council considered this first report as a starting point that seeks to stimulate and provide evidence for a conversation between Australians on Australia's future and our collective wellbeing.



Workshops – with innovative thinkers and public servants

Practical Implementation of ESD in the ACT

It asks that we look to where **“the rubber hits the road”** translating difficult concepts into practical and accessible information for both public servants who are responsible for implementing the policy and laws of sustainable development and in providing guidance on how to consider the longer view into their decision making;



Difficult questions on Monday mornings

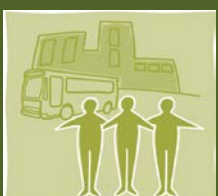
- Are we good custodians for future generations and are we maintaining social economic and environmental options for future generations?



Generating discussion and debate across the Community

For most people, they may have a vague idea, of what sustainable development means but are unable to be able to articulate it with any confidence. In contrast to the concept of 'sustainable development', including intergenerational equity, the notion of looking after our children and grandchildren is more 'understandable' and may help to define more easily what is meant by 'sustainable development';

Practical Implementation of ESD in the Australian Capital Territory

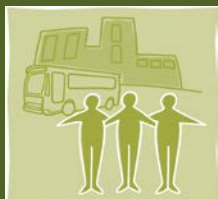


Engaging and capacity building tomorrow's leaders

20/20 Vision Youth Parliament on Sustainability



Connecting with Schools and Universities



Youth Ambassadors

Review of the role of the Office in 2008

Need to engage young people and how to make the work of the Office more accessible to them

Youth Ambassador programme established in 2009

Green steps program

ACT Government Graduate Program



Working Commissioner for Children and Young People.

Joint project which aims to combine the environmental wisdom of the elders with that of the younger generation.

The sharing of knowledge between generations, between grandfathers, grandmothers, grand children, learning from time spent away from “consuming”, reflecting on spending time in nature,

Nature at the heart of our own cultural understanding and childhood memories.

Film making competition envisaging the future



Future generations will judge us



Are we good custodians for future generations and are we maintaining social, economic and environmental options for future generations? I can't answer those questions now, clearly that is something future generations will make judgements on.

Toxic Algae on Lake Burley Griffin



Paradigm Shift?

