

Challenges in Sustainability Assessment: Issues For Capacity Building

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KEY POINTS

Challenges for sustainability assessment	Possible solutions
(i) How will <u>sustainability assessment of projects</u> occur?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop social & economic impact assessment capacity to equal existing EIA capacity.
(ii) When should <u>trade-offs</u> occur?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the political decision-making level following independent EIA, SIA and economic IA.
(iii) What about issues <u>beyond proponent responsibilities</u> ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government agency role required because issues transcend proponent sites (eg. resource management, regional planning, health, education, etc.)
(iv) How will <u>strategic proposals</u> be treated?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional sustainability strategies & management plans (i.e. changes to regional planning needed).
(v) How will <u>existing unsustainable practices</u> be addressed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of Sustainability Reporting (against indicators) Sustainability action plans by NRM and other agencies Performance audits by Auditor General