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Dear Dr Byron,

Submission: Inquiry into the implementation of the National Strategy for Ecologically Sustainable Development.

I have been engaged in research and analysis of the policy and theoretical dimension of sustainability for a decade now, and submit the enclosed published materials to you in lieu of a formal submission. I trust that the ideas and arguments contained in these assist the Inquiry.

The central problems with the implementation of the NSESD are, as I see it: lack of institutionalisation of ESD within the landscape of public policy and administration; and the lack of a whole-of-government approach. These themes, and arguments as to how they might be addressed, are detailed in the enclosed papers.

Please note that one paper is marked confidential (it may be released by LWRRDC in the near future, but the entire report is due for submission on 13 November). There is also a chapter on 'Institutionalising ESD' in the forthcoming volume edited by Clive Hamilton and David Throsby, which I understand is being made available to you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Stephen Dovers
Research Fellow

Note: This letter included the following documents which are not able to be scanned, but which can be viewed at the libraries in our Melbourne and Canberra offices:

ESD and NCP parity or privacy? by Dr Stephen Dovers

Community involvement in environmental management: thoughts or emergency management by Dr Stephen Dovers

An alluring prospect? Ecology, and the requirements of adaptive management by S R Dovers and C D Mobbs

Managing the Environment: Rhetoric, Policy and Reality by Stephen R Dovers and David B Lindenmayer

Information, Sustainability and Policy by Stephen Dovers

Policy Choice for Sustainability: Marketization, Law and Institutions by Stephen Dovers and Warwick Gullett