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Sustainability for survival: creating a climate for change

Inquiry into a sustainability charter



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A national framework for sustainability

...the situation is begging for a national framework. We are hopeful that this committee and your inquiry can help us down this path.¹

You cannot have the charter stand alone. It has to be linked to an effective framework where there is a high degree of buy-in to those results...²

...an Australian Sustainability Charter that exists in the absence of a proactive and effectively resourced Commission is little more than a 'wish-list'.³

...there is a clear role for a single Sustainability Commission to coordinate the establishment, measurement and reporting of sustainability in Australia.⁴

- 5.1 In this concluding chapter, the Committee shifts focus to a broad enabling framework for the proposed national Sustainability Charter. Providing a framework that includes a Sustainability Commission and Commissioner is critical to the success of the Charter.

1 Mr Ric Brazzale, *Transcript of Evidence*, 5 October 2006, p. 28.

2 Ms Di Jay, *Transcript of Evidence*, 8 September 2006, p. 8.

3 Australian Conservation Foundation, *Submission no. 93*, p. iv.

4 CRC Construction Innovation, *Submission no. 84*, p. 9.