

BSFG AGM 2024 Report Ecologically Sustainable Development Group.

Our group has not been active for some time.

There has been some email activity perhaps related to subdivision developments in Benalla. I have contributed some articles published on our website, <https://www.bsfg.org.au/ecological-sustainable-design-and-development>.

The Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance may have progressed their work with Councils on the Sustainable Subdivisions Framework, <https://www.gmca.org.au/sustainable-subdivisions.html>. This project could be looked into again.

BSFG member Howard Bartlet, 0409504420 has recently drawn our attention to a paper from the Municipal Association of Victoria, [Shaping regional and rural Victoria: A discussion paper](#). This paper could become a catalyst for further discussion by the group as the paper considers greening of streets and reserves, solar farms, council resources, and affordable appropriate housing.

There has been a focus on Sustainable Subdivisions as if the answer to Ecological Sustainability is found in housing. Personally, I think we need to look well beyond housing to achieve Ecological Sustainability. I have replied to a few emails I received from some environmental organisations, commenting they are not going to get anywhere until both population and economic growth are reduced and stabilised.

This morning, I received an email from Friends of The Earth Melbourne about their campaigns. An interesting one is [SKAT Updates + 'The Koalas' Documentary Screening in Melbourne in June](#). The trailer for the film is on [Documentary Australia](#). The trailer mentions the koala will be extinct by 2050 as habitat is threatened by new housing developments.

Last night I attended a webinar on Sustainable Prosperity by Steven Hail from the [Modern Money Lab](#) and speaker at the [2024 Swanpool Environmental Film Festival](#). His school at Torrens University of Adelaide is training Ecological Economists, economists who will consider the ecological impact of the economy and economic development. The pursuit of economic development with increasing GDP perhaps needs to be ameliorated by consideration of ecological measures, such as the [Ecological Footprint](#), Carbon Emissions, and [Planetary Boundaries](#).

Peter Maddock.