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Sustainability is explained in Dictionaries as use of the resources at a level so as not to have adverse impacts on the Environment or deleting those same resources. As our old growth Forests, native bushland and Wetlands are not only adversely impacted on but irreversibly destroyed because we don't have a sustainable Population and are in fact overpopulated with even the humble short necked Tortoise and our lovable Koala on the brink of extinction because of Wetland and Eucalypt Tree loss making way for human housing its about Time that we stop destroying Flora and Fauna Habitat and reduce human breeding by paying Australians to keep the number of children at one or two, or giving them incentives in the form of tas to have no children or later in Life or just one child. Immigration also has to be stopped. The burgeoning human Population is destroying the Planet and we are a liability not an asset, and as we don't have a sustainable Population here in Australia we can't have sustainable development. It's about Time Researchers and Government Bureaucracy stopping giving lip service to environmental Protection and justify their job Positions and address the causes, or the symptoms of all our ecological Problems, by they land clearing and degradation, salinity, Flora and Fauna extension, endangered Wildlife, Bush and Wetland loss, old growth Forest destruction, land air and water Pollution, and that is too many People. All top Scientists say an ecological sustainable Population for this fragile Continent. which we so abuse, rape, pillage and exploit is around 6 million People, so we already have exceeded that number three Times and Tim Flannery in his book 'The Future eaters' also makes that point. As the 18 million already here use resources the equivalent of 1.3 billion Ethiopians and have learned nothing from the original Australians, who kept their numbers at between 1 - 3 million at any one Time and truly had a sustainable Population over 40,000 years it is of the utmost urgency to reduce our Population.