



Sustainable Aotearoa New Zealand Incorporated

Draft Strategy 2007 - 2014

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“Sustainability is ultimately about the interplay between people and ecologies. We constantly seek to maintain or enhance our quality of life - a rich mix of basic and more abstract needs. Our fundamental task in the coming decades is to redesign our socio-political-economic system in ways that reintegrate the dependencies between people and our underpinning ecological systems”.

“Sustainable development must be supported by a strong vision and clear goals established through effective public participation. Leadership in all sectors is critical. Small groups working in isolation can achieve a lot in their own particular areas, but a more meaningful and overall shift is more likely when sustainability 'champions' lead a combined effort.

Sustainability is not something that a government department, local authority, or other public agency can have sole responsibility for. Organisations, businesses, communities, and individuals must take responsibility for the resources they use, the energy they consume, the waste they produce, and their impacts on biodiversity.

Values, and cultural and ethical frameworks are critical to the implementation of sustainable development. Tangata whenua have strong cultural and spiritual connections with the environment, natural resources, and places that need to be respected and provided for.”

**Creating our future: Sustainable development for New Zealand
PCE : August 2002**

About Us

Our Vision

The people of Aotearoa New Zealand practice, live and demonstrate sustainability in all that they do.

Our Mission

That strong sustainability, whole-systems thinking and ecological justice are applied to all policy and business decisions

Our Values

- Futures Thinking • Ethical Solutions • Scientific Integrity
- Consensus Building • Integration • Inclusiveness

Desired Outcomes for New Zealand

1. A civil society led initiative through which SANZ is an actor in New Zealand sustainability initiatives.
2. Greater understanding of the true inter-relationships and dependencies of human civilization and environment expressed through improved eco-literacy and increased application of eco-design.
3. A coherent principles-based long-term policy and planning framework for New Zealand.
4. Social, political and economic systems which are based on the understanding that ecological systems underpin all wellbeing

Our Form

We represent:

- Specific networks of particular interest groups; and
- Interested participants

The SANZ Board comprises the trustee directors of this structure, elected by members who, by subscribing, have voting rights.

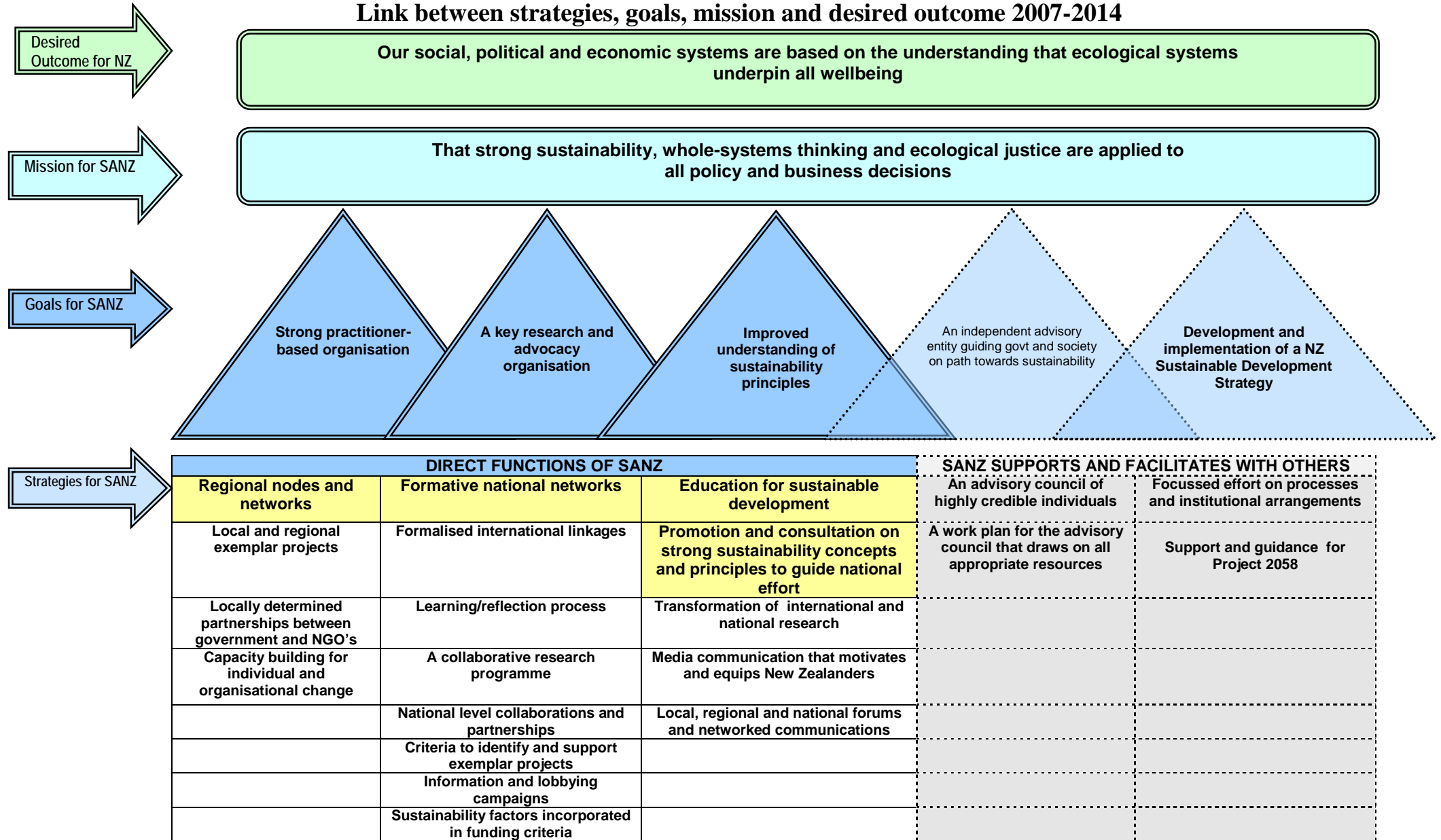
Our work includes

1. Active networking
2. Capacity building
3. Research
4. Advocacy/critique
5. Training/professional development

Our Strategic Priorities

	DESIRED OUTCOMES FOR NEW ZEALAND		DIRECT FUNCTIONS OF SANZ
2007 - 2014	A civil society led initiative through which SANZ is an actor in New Zealand sustainability initiatives	2007 – 09	Goal 1: A strong practitioner-based organisation. Goal 2: A key research and advocacy organisation
	Greater understanding of the true inter-relationships and dependencies of human civilization and environment expressed through improved eco-literacy and increased application of eco-design.	2007 – 10	Goal 3: Evidence of improved understanding of sustainability principles and concepts
			SANZ SUPPORTS AND FACILITATES WITH OTHERS
	A coherent principles-based long-term policy and planning framework for New Zealand	2007 – 14	Goal 4: An independent advisory entity guiding government and society on path towards sustainability Goal 5: Development and implementation of a New Zealand Sustainable Development Strategy
2014	OVERARCHING GOAL FOR NEW ZEALAND Our social, political and economic systems are based on the understanding that ecological systems underpin all wellbeing	2014	SANZ MISSION That strong sustainability, whole-systems thinking and ecological justice are applied to all policy and business decisions

Link between strategies, goals, mission and desired outcome 2007-2014



SANZ priorities for 2007/2009

Timeframe: 2007 – 2009

**Desired Outcome for New Zealand:
A civil society led initiative through which SANZ is an actor in New Zealand sustainability initiatives**

**Goal 1 for SANZ:
A strong practitioner-based organisation**

Strategy 1.1 Regional nodes and networks informing and influencing work of national networks

Strategy 1.2 Local and regional exemplar projects

Strategy 1.3 Partnerships between government and non-government organisations based on locally determined needs and priorities

Strategy 1.4 Capacity building for individual and organisational change in regions and nationally

“The idea of sustainable development is not clearly defined, but it is commonly understood as encompassing the four pillars of peace, human rights, socio-economic development and environmental sustainability” – Klaus Bosselmann

Timeframe: 2007 – 2009

**Desired Outcome for New Zealand:
A civil society led initiative through which SANZ is an actor in New Zealand sustainability initiatives**

**Goal 2 for SANZ:
A key research and advocacy organisation**

Strategy 2.1 Establish formative national networks:
- Practitioner networks (local and regional)
- SD organisations network
- SD researchers network
- Managers for SD network
- SD communication network
- Local government officers SD network
- Educators for SD network

Strategy 2.2 Identify and formalise international linkages

Strategy 2.3 Implement learning/reflection process encompassing national networks and regional nodes

Strategy 2.4 Collaborate to develop a research programme

Strategy 2.5 Seek collaborations and partnerships with key national level organisations

Strategy 2.6 Establish criteria to identify and support exemplar projects

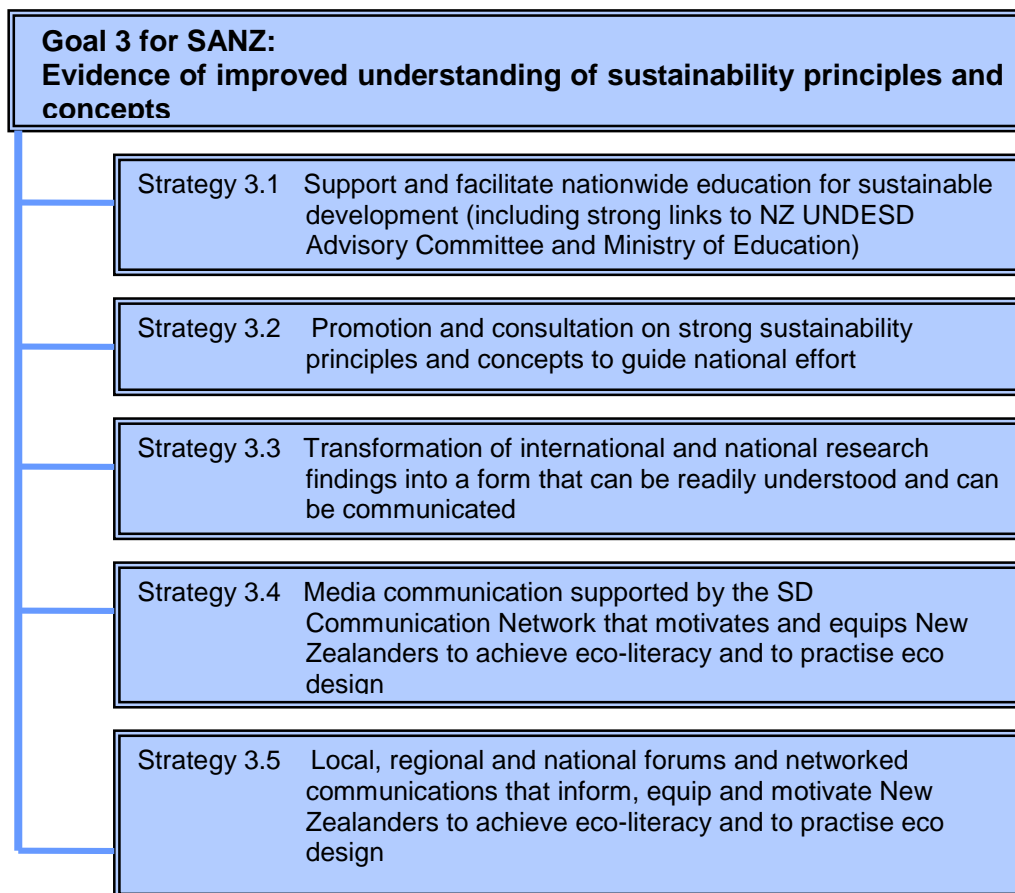
Strategy 2.7 Design and resource well-researched and targeted information and lobbying campaigns

Strategy 2.8 Ensure sustainability factors are incorporated in funding criteria

“We stand at a critical moment in Earth’s history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future holds great peril and great promise...” *Earth Charter preamble*

Timeframe: 2007 – 2010

**Desired Outcome for New Zealand:
Greater understanding of the true inter-relationships and dependencies
of human civilization and environment expressed through improved
eco-literacy and increased application of eco-design.**



Education **for** sustainability is not the same as education **about** sustainability. Education for sustainability requires: re-design of education; re-education of educators; re-design of education systems and institutions. It involves:

- Understanding of values and perspectives
- Skills of integration, systems thinking, critical thinking
- Managing relationships and change
- Important role for science and technology
- Deep learning
- Reflective learning
- Critical thinking
- Facilitation of learning
- Change management"

Jane Adams (nee Harman)

Timeframe: 2007 – 2014

**Desired Outcome for New Zealand:
A coherent principles-based long-term policy and planning framework
for New Zealand**

**Goal 4 (SANZ SUPPORTS AND FACILITATES WITH OTHERS):
An independent advisory entity guiding government and society on
path towards sustainability**

Strategy 4.1 Establish an advisory council of highly credible individuals

Strategy 4.2 Implement a work plan for the advisory council that draws
on all appropriate resources

“Sustainable development requires fundamental change in values, understanding and actions of society. We need to move beyond changing within existing frameworks to changing the frameworks”. Jane Adams (nee Harman)

Timeframe: 2007 – 2014

**Desired Outcome for New Zealand:
A coherent principles-based long term policy and planning framework
for New Zealand**

**Goal 5 (SANZ SUPPORTS AND FACILITATES WITH OTHERS):
Development and implementation of a New Zealand Sustainable
Development Strategy**

Strategy 5.1 Lead and focus effort, processes and institutional arrangements that result in a practical sustainable development strategy for New Zealand that is widely utilised in government and governance.

Strategy 5.2 Provide support and guidance to Project 2058

“So civilization is what has to be sustained (but maybe not in its current form). Long term this cannot be at the expense of the planet. Because matter and energy cannot be either created or destroyed, the only thing being continuously added to the planet is sunlight. Everything else is a closed system and must be recycled”. 28 year old - Auckland, May 2007