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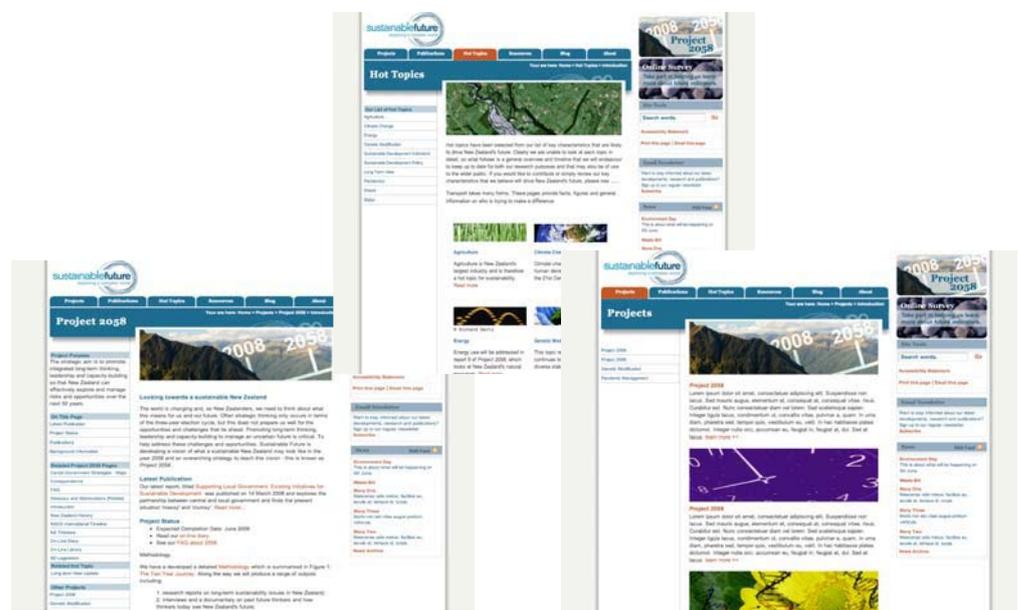
## WELCOME

Welcome to the second Sustainable Future update, timed to commemorate World Environment Day. Today also sees our new-look website going live after a complete overhaul. We are sure you will enjoy the changes we have made – please check out [www.sustainablefuture.info](http://www.sustainablefuture.info)

Sustainable Future is a non-partisan, not-for-profit research organisation specialising in issues affecting New Zealand's future. Our vision is to provide relevant and timely information that is complete and well-researched for those interested in exploring New Zealand's long term future.

Since our last update a lot has happened, both within our organisation and on the world stage. Events in the wider world, such as rising fuel and food prices, are making it clear how urgent it is for governments to prioritise sustainable development.

We are pleased with the progress of our *three research projects*, Project 2058, Project Genetic Modification and Project 2008. All published reports and copies of our research methodology can be read in full on our website.

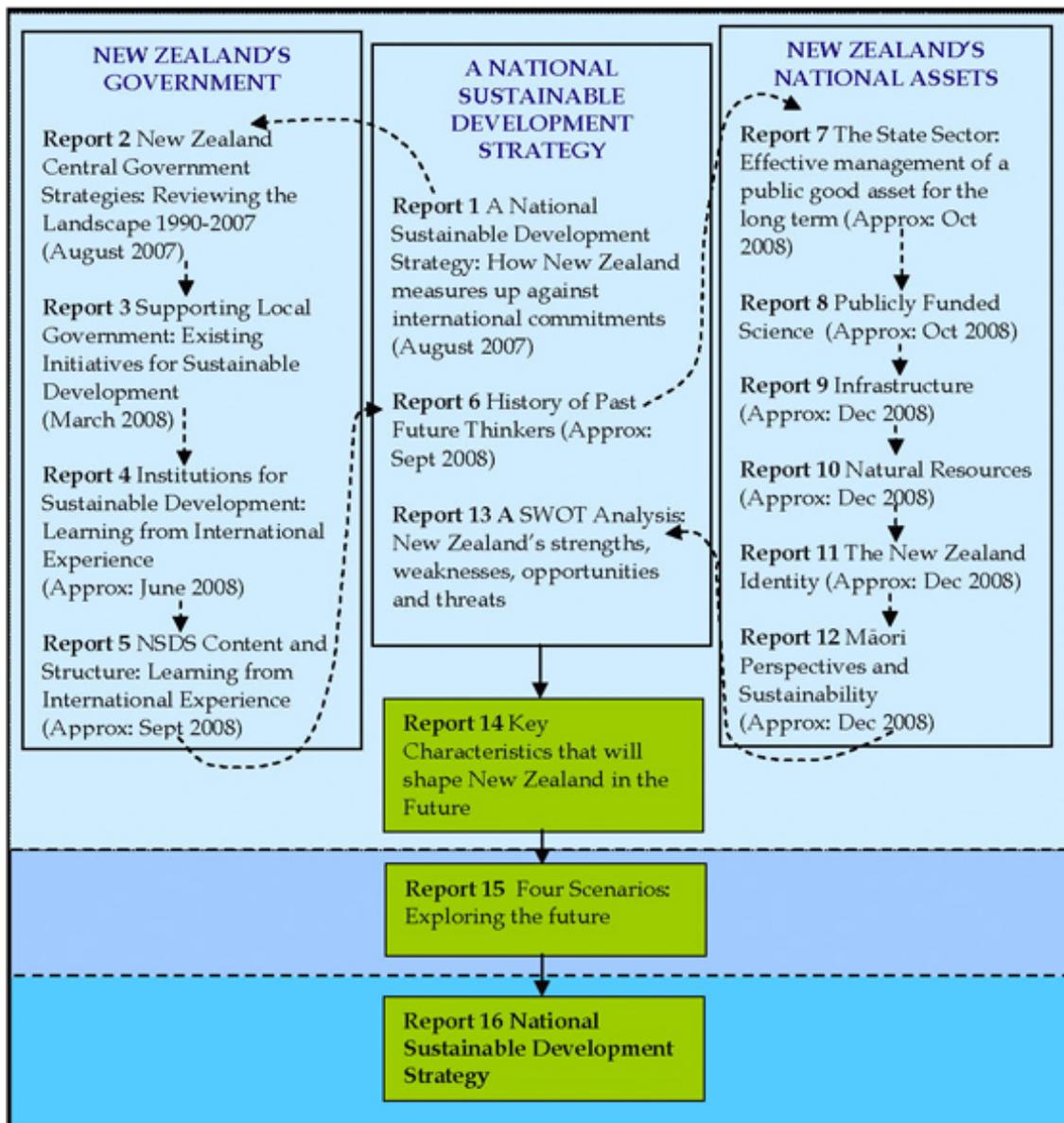


**PROJECT 2058**

Looking towards a  
sustainable New Zealand



Project 2058 is an ambitious two-year exploration of New Zealand's sustainable future, aimed at producing a National Sustainable Development Strategy. The diagram below is a simplified version of our research strategy.



### Report 3: Supporting Local Government - Existing Initiatives for Sustainable Development

Our third report, published in March, is a stocktake of central government initiatives relating to the creation of sustainable development strategies, policies and programmes, all of which may impact on local government. The report finds the partnership between central and local government is at present 'messy' and 'clumsy'.

**PROJECT 2008**

Making New Zealand  
'Fit for Purpose'



Project 2008's strategic aim is to promote ideas and initiatives that can be investigated and implemented in order to improve systems, and capacity-building so that New Zealand is 'fit for purpose'. See 'Think Piece' 3, which is available on our website.

**PROJECT  
Genetic Modification**

Seven years after the  
Royal Commission



This project reviews and evaluates the past, current and future management of genetic modification in New Zealand. We have recently published two reports:

### The History of Genetic Modification in New Zealand

This report explores the history of genetic modification in New Zealand, from the international development of recombinant bacteria in the 1970s to the present day. It describes the history of government legislation and policy in this area and the public protests that occurred in the late 1990s. It also summarises the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Genetic Modification and describes the government's response since their publication. Lastly, the report provides a detailed summary of the current policy landscape in New Zealand with respect to genetic modification and acts as a background paper to the following report.

### Review of the Forty-Nine Recommendations of the Royal Commission on Genetic Modification

This report focuses on the government's response to the 49 'preserving opportunities' recommendations made by the Royal Commission. It shows that, of the Commissioners 49 recommendations, only 20 have been fully implemented, with a further 12 partially implemented and 17 not applied at all. The report concludes that the Government is not pursuing the strategic option of 'preserving opportunities' recommended by the Royal Commission, and highlights the lack of national-level strategic decision-making in this area.



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### Future Publications

We intend to publish a number of reports later this year. We are currently working on our final Project Genetic Modification report, The Future of Genetic Modification in New Zealand, and Project 2058 reports 4, 5 and 6 (see earlier diagram).

### World Futures Conference

Our Chief Executive, Wendy McGuinness, will be attending the World Future Conference: Seeing the Future through New Eyes, the annual conference of the World Future Society, which will take place in Washington DC from July 26-28. This event promises to provide valuable insights that will inform the direction of Sustainable Future. Wendy will provide observations from the conference, see our website.

### The Conversations – Ideas About The Future

As part of Project 2058, we are producing a series of filmed conversations between interesting New Zealand thinkers. In a series of five discussions, dynamic individuals from diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise will explore our sustainable future from environmental, social, cultural and economic perspectives. The conversations will be launched on the Sustainable Future website on October 1st.

Participants include: Waitangi Tribunal Judge Joe Williams; Roger Dennis from Innovaro Consulting; writer and comedienne Jo Randerson and her father, Bishop Richard Randerson; Dr Suzi Kerr, a Harvard-educated environmental economist who runs the research agency Motu and regularly advises government; Professor Jacqueline Rowarth, director of Agriculture at Massey University; David Young, who recently wrote a history of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment and a history of conservation in New Zealand; and Race Relations Commissioner Joris de Bres.

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