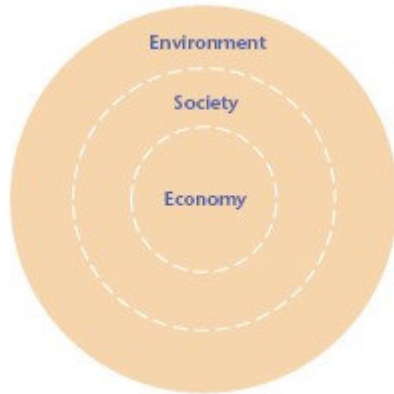


A Sustainable Future: Politicians' Perspectives

1. Introduction, housekeeping, explanation of ballot process for audience questions to be heard later (5 minutes). **7:05pm**

2. Strong sustainability – each party has 4 minutes to respond to the following. ‘For the purposes of this forum we will be focusing on strong sustainability as defined by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment as follows:



‘The strong sustainability model recognises that the economy is a subset of society, and that many important aspects of society do not involve economic activity. The economy may expand or contract, and society's expectations and values may change over time. But to function sustainably we must not exceed the biosphere's capacity to provide for and absorb the effects of human activities.

Strong sustainability requires maintaining the parts (i.e. the economy, society and the environment) in good condition, as well as the whole. No one component on its own determines whether the system is functioning in a sustainable way. For growth to be sustainable, it must have regard to physical and ecological limitations as well as to society's expectations and values.’

Please comment on how your party's policies further sustainability as defined in this manner. (30 minutes) **7:35**

3. Each party representatives to respond to 10 pre-supplied Y/N questions from the organizing groups. These are attached. Please answer Yes or No, and chose 3 of the questions to provide a longer response to. These 3 responses can each be for up to 1 minute. (30 minutes) **8:05**

4. Short 5 minute break **8:10**

5. Ballot of 5 written questions from the floor to 2 respondents selected by questioner. Party representatives have up to 2 minutes to respond to each question. (30 minutes) **8:40**

6. Closing 1 minute response from each party representative (10 minutes)

8:50

7. Tea/Coffee/Supper