



THE NATURAL EDGE PROJECT

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Greetings to the supporters and teams of [The Natural Edge Project](#).

Firstly, the secretariat wishes to thank the many individuals, groups and organisations who have provided excellent peer review and comments on Section 1 and 2 over the last 4 weeks and encourage further review of the material by our supporters and partners.

Secondly, we can announce that we are in negotiations with *Earthscan* for publication of the book and are targeting a June 2004 release date with positive feedback as to the content and range of contributing authors, groups and partners.

This timeline allows us to extend the peer review phase, having started on the 30th of August to now run for a total of 14 weeks until December 7th with the final manuscript to be edited and finalised by the secretariat and editorial team for publication by January 15th 2004.

In order meet with co-authors and the editorial team, the Secretariat will travel to Canberra (Sep 30 – Oct 05), Melbourne (06 – 12), Adelaide (13 – 25), Sydney (26 – 02) and Brisbane (03 – Nov 08). We also intend to meet with many of our supporters, contributors and partners along with the Advisory Board and Steering Committee Members.

The secretariat *will upload Section 3* (120 pages) for peer review before Monday the 29th of September, to the document store, details below. We wish to pay particular thanks to the main co-authors for Section 3, being Kathryn Smith, Jaya Sinniah Pillai, Prof. Peter Newman, Dr. Stephen Dovers and Prof Val Brown.

Section 3 will be the last document sent out for general peer review as particular groups and persons will be invited by the secretariat to review particular topics and parts of the remaining Sections 4 – 6. (unless requested). The three Sections released form a strong body of work (240 pages) that set the argument, frameworks and tone for the rest of the book and we are particularly keen to receive review of these Sections.

Through attending the National Regional Governments for Sustainable Development conference recently held in Perth the project has been given the support by recent co-author Dr Stephen Dovers (ANU), and endorsement from Alan AtKisson (The AtKisson Group) with case study contributions from the Environmental Resources Management (Hong Kong), National Institute for Environmental Studies (Japan), Strategic Policy Unit (Welsh Assembly Government), and the Service Agency for the Development of West Jaya (Indonesia).

In addition Prof. Stefan Schaltegger (The University of Lueneburg, Germany) will be developing a piece on the benefits of environmental management to companies.

The project has appointed a representative from Environment Australia, Mark Hyman to the Advisory Board and have been working with content

We thank you all for your ongoing support and look forward to speaking and or visiting with you over the coming weeks.

Kind Regards



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Documents and the latest information regarding the project can be found in the TNEP Document Store accessed at <http://www.naturaledgeproject.net/Documents/>, including the project updates, publication brief, partner information and the drafts of the sections.



Quote of the Month

"I don't know if I managed, at the age of 13, to discover the source of the sense of unease I felt at the time. But if I did, I hope that as I looked at that enormous hardwood log I found entirely unacceptable the fact that somebody could legally appropriate, for only a few dollars, this extraordinary asset of the people of New South Wales, an asset that would take perhaps hundreds of years to replace. I hope that this smacked to me of highway robbery. I hope that I was less than impressed that the elected representatives of the people of New South Wales appeared to be demonstrating such disregard for the protection of their citizens property. I hope I wondered about the ability of governments, and not just the venal, to redistribute wealth so arbitrarily, and to disenfranchise future generations. And I hope I vowed that one day I would do something about it....."

Ken Henry, Secretary of the Australian Treasury Department... from a speech to the 30th year anniversary of the ANU Economics Department's Masters Program.

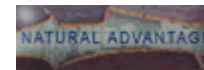
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- [University Leaders for a Sustainable Future \(ULSF\)](#),
- [UN International Environment Technology Centre \(IETC\)](#),
- [World Federation of Engineering Organisations - ComTech](#),
- [Young Engineers Australia](#).



The Natural Edge Project Website is under construction!
The development of the website has moved into the final development stage with [izilla](#) building the new stage site to run parallel with the existing site until it is ready to go!



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