



Research Directions

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Triple Bottom Line Decision Making in Local Government

Dr Tavis Potts from AEGIS, College of Business, is exploring decision making about sustainability and reporting frameworks used in local government with research partner Hornsby Shire Council.



This project aims to independently assess the performance of Hornsby council's current decision tool and identify key issues, frameworks and tools for progressing an integrated Triple Bottom Line (TBL) reporting system in council. TBL is a set of tools that aim to report, assess and progress organisational performance in relation to sustainability and account for environmental, social and economic issues in decision making.

Dr Potts said 'As councils are increasingly required to articulate and balance environmental, economic and social issues in their decisions, new tools are emerging to put sustainability practices into place. Understanding how these tools can promote organisational sustainability and the development of independent evaluation mechanisms is important for progressing Council's use of an integrated TBL reporting system. The lessons we hope to learn from identifying current best-practice frameworks in public sector TBL reporting will provide useful models and case studies for the future. What is learned will not only be of benefit to local government but may also lead to further research'.

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