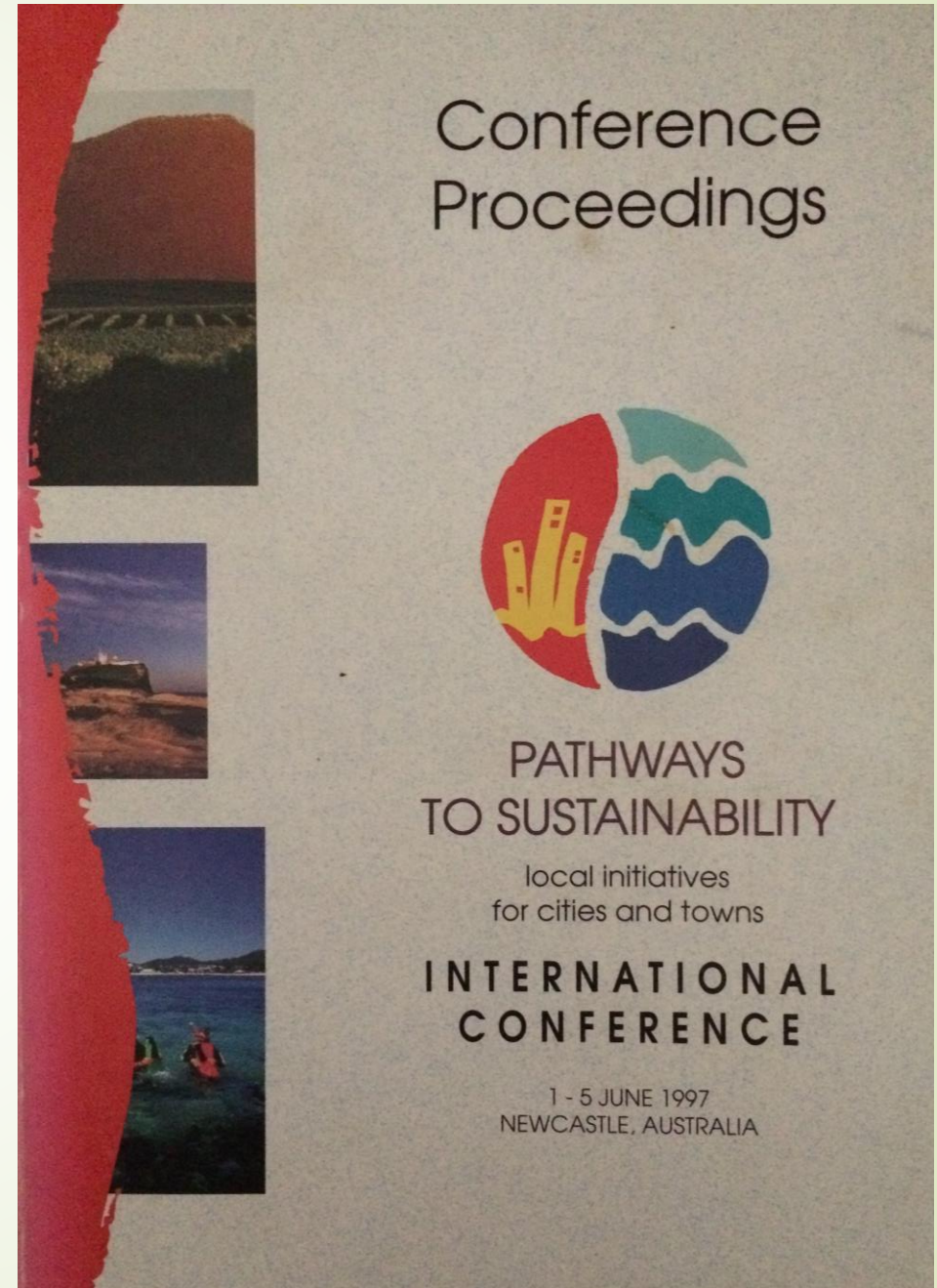



# Pathways – a retrospective

**Dr Mike Mouritz**



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- Context
  - What we achieved
  - Looking back
  - What next



# Context - The questions

- Newcastle in 1997
- Bicentennial – fantastic program of events
- BHP closing
- What would happen after the steel works ?
- Can the Hunter begin to transition ?
- For local government
- 5 years after Rio – the Earth Summit
- Local Agenda 21



# What we achieved

- A 4 day conference
- More than 80 parts to the program
- Up to 10 parallel events at one time ( madness)
- Approximately 2000 attendees
- Fringe events
- Social events



# What we achieved

- Speakers from 30 plus countries
- Diversity of topics –anti corruption to local economic development
- Govt support to bring around 20 people from developing countries
- Approximately 2000 attendees



# Diversity of topics – a snap shot

- Women, diversity and development
- Bangkok traffic & air quality
- Shelter & housing
- Sustainable business practices
- Transparency and corruption
- Urban agriculture
- Industrial cities in transition
- Local economic development
- Resource recovery
- Water, sanitation & health

# The Newcastle Declaration

We declare

We call upon

We affirm

Submitted to UN – Rio plus 5  
in New York

## *The Newcastle Declaration*

*Endorsed at the International Conference  
Pathways to Sustainability:*

*Local Initiatives for Cities and Towns*

*1-5 June 1997*

*Newcastle Australia*



*Gathered at Newcastle, Australia on World Environment Day, 5 June 1997 we acknowledge that in the five years since the Rio Earth Summit much has been learnt about implementing the concept of sustainable development. There is growing evidence, however, that the future of all life on Earth is still in peril. There is an urgent need to accelerate and assist action at all levels, particularly locally, if the global sustainable development objectives of Agenda 21 are to be realised.*

**We, as representatives of the global community and local government acknowledge:**

- *That sustainability is a global necessity and that Local Agenda 21 is a fundamental framework for enhancing local and global sustainability.*
- *That based on growing population trends, there is an urgent need for the developed world to drastically reduce our per capita impacts in the short term if we are to achieve global sustainability in the long term.*
- *That actions need to be taken to mitigate the adverse effects on local communities of continued trends toward economic globalisation and free trade.*

**We declare our commitment, as local governments and communities, to enhancing global sustainability, by developing processes at the local level based on :**

- *Assisting our own and other communities to progress toward local sustainability by sharing and learning from each other.*
- *Ensuring that all sectors, groups and citizens in our local communities, including adults, youth and children are given equal opportunity for active participation and partnership in the process of developing Local Agenda 21 action plans.*
- *Simultaneously achieving economic, social, cultural and ecological goals by integrating them in the design and implementation of all local policies, programs and projects.*
- *Recognising the rights of indigenous peoples and the special contributions which they can make.*
- *Acknowledging the importance of difference and diversity in formulating and implementing Local Agenda 21 plans.*
- *Adopting a strategic and long-term approach to setting priorities and targets in order to achieve community-determined visions and goals.*
- *Establishing realistic short-term action plans with participatory mechanisms for monitoring, feedback, and accountability.*
- *Celebrating the diversity within and between local communities and respecting and learning from minority voices and the aspirations of different cultural groups.*

**We call upon all local government around the Earth:**

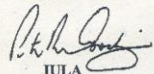
- *To embrace the goal of global sustainability by implementing Local Agenda 21 action plans by the Year 2000 which fulfil the goals of Agenda 21 and the Habitat Agenda.*
- *To monitor and review on an annual basis and report on progress at the Rio + 10 review in 2002.*

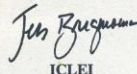
**To assist us in this process we call upon:**

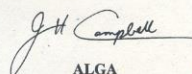
- *The United Nations and national governments to recognise the progress made by local governments and their communities in enhancing the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Habitat Agenda.*
- *National governments to provide a policy framework and the necessary resources to support national Local Agenda 21 programs.*
- *National and international investment and development assistance programs to support Local Agenda 21 action plans and related measures.*
- *All governments to increase their proportion of annual expenditure on demonstration projects which enhance sustainability.*

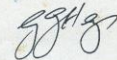
**We affirm the need for international and national local government organisations to:**

- *Facilitate the exchange of examples of information on best practice in implementation of Local Agenda 21.*
- *Recognise the importance of research, community education, capacity-building and monitoring in local action for sustainability.*
- *Report on the progress of Local Agenda 21 on behalf of all local governments and communities.*

  
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Peter Woods  
World Executive Committee

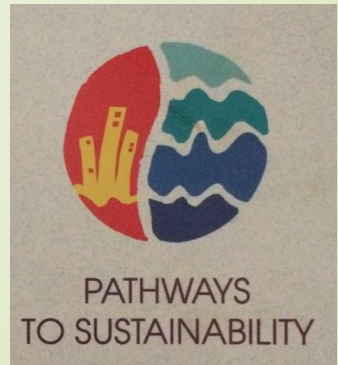
  
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Secretary General

  
ALGA  
Councillor John Campbell  
President

  
Lord Mayor Of Newcastle  
Councillor Greg Heys  
5 June 1997

# Local Agenda 21

- Local Agenda 21 is a process which facilitates sustainable development at community level. It is an approach based on participation which respects the social, cultural, economic and environmental needs of the present and future citizens of a community in all its diversity and which relates that community and its future to the regional, national and international community of which it is a part.
- Local Agenda 21 ... promotes a participatory, long-term, strategic planning process that helps municipalities identify local sustainability priorities and implement long-term action plans.
- ICLEI – Local Government for Sustainability





# Local Agenda 21



## The Local Agenda 21 Planning Guide: An Introduction to Sustainable Development Planning



**Author(s): International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives**

Publisher(s): IDRC / January 1, 1996

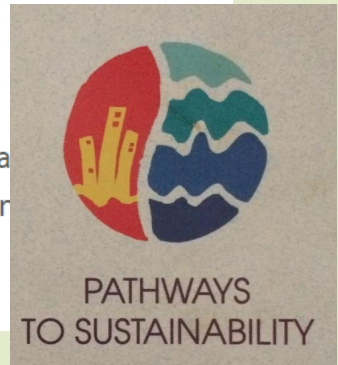
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*The Local Agenda 21 Planning Guide* is an introductory guide on the planning elements, methods, and tools being used by local governments to implement Agenda 21 at the community level. By drawing general conclusions from the work that is already underway at the local level, it recommends a general sustainable development planning approach.



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# Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines for local government in NSW

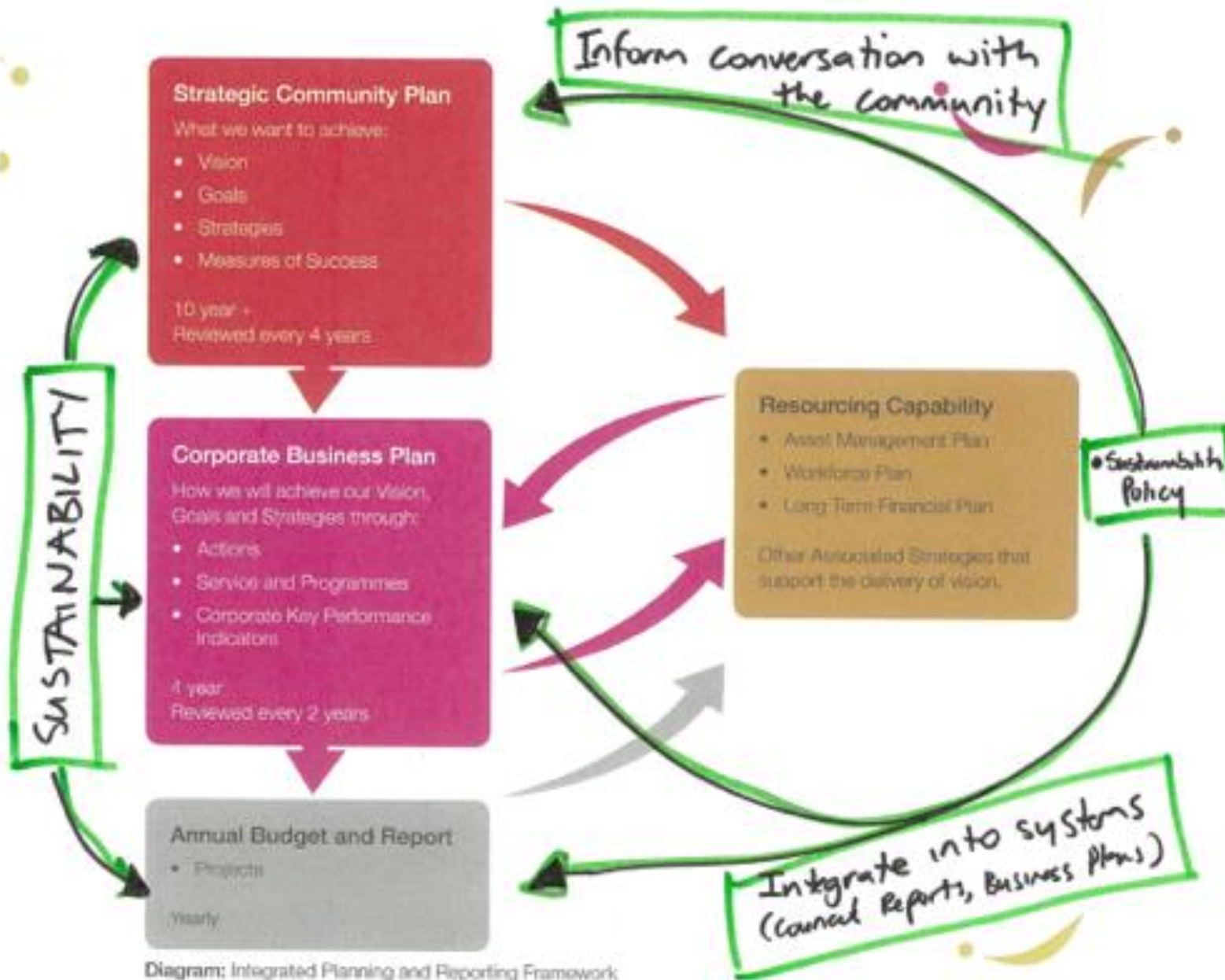


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TO SUSTAINABILITY

Planning a sustainable future



# City of Canning



# City of Canning

► <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtbmxdguIU>

The screenshot displays the City of Canning website's navigation menu with links for HOME, MY CITY, RESIDENTS, BUSINESS, RECREATION, COMMUNITY, EVENTS, CONNECT, and LATEST NEWS. A search bar is located on the right. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home / Community / Strategic Community Plan'. The main content area features a large image of a diverse group of smiling people. Overlaid on this image is the title 'Strategic Community Plan' and the subtitle 'Help create Our City: Our Future'. Below the image is a dark red bar with social media icons for email, Facebook, and Twitter. A 'Community Search' bar is positioned on the left side of the page. The main text block states: 'Our City: Our Future is the basic building block which will inform Council decisions in relation to new projects, operational expenditure and service provision for the next 10+ years.' Below this, it mentions that over 1500 submissions were received via postcards, video interviews, drawings, and face-to-face meetings.

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## Strategic Community Plan

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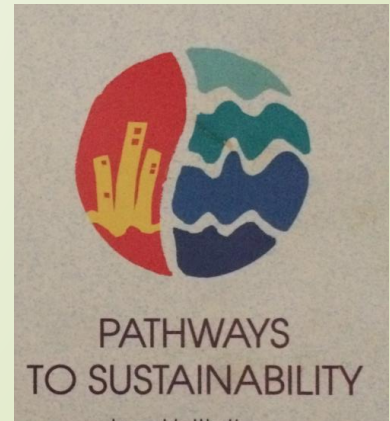
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# City of Newcastle



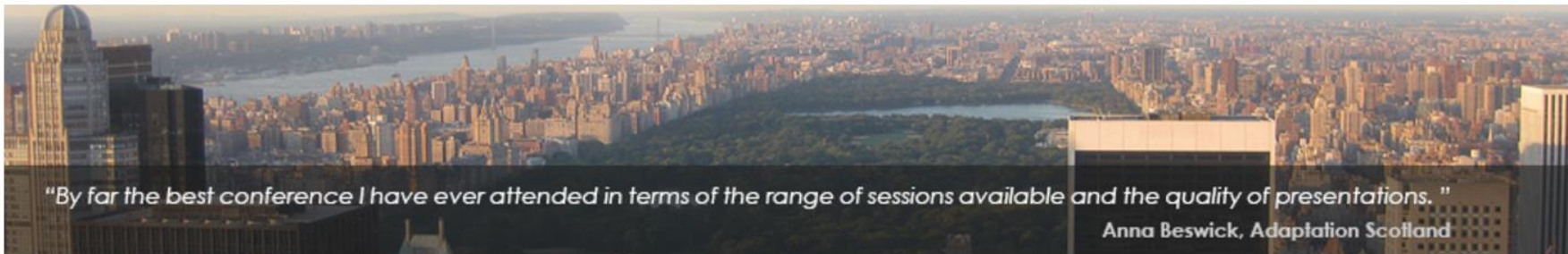
# What next - Resilient Cities



8th Global Forum on Urban Resilience & Adaptation

4-6 May 2017

Bonn, Germany



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# Resilience thinking –have we started this conversation ?

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Urban Resilience Resilient Systems  
The City Resilience Framework (CRF)  
Resilience Guide

## What is Urban Resilience?

Urban Resilience is the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses, and systems within a city to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience.

### CHRONIC STRESSES

Stresses weaken the fabric of a city on a daily or cyclical basis.

Examples include:

- high unemployment
- overtaxed or inefficient public transportation system
- endemic violence
- chronic food and water shortages.

### ACUTE SHOCKS

Acute shocks are sudden, sharp events that threaten a city.

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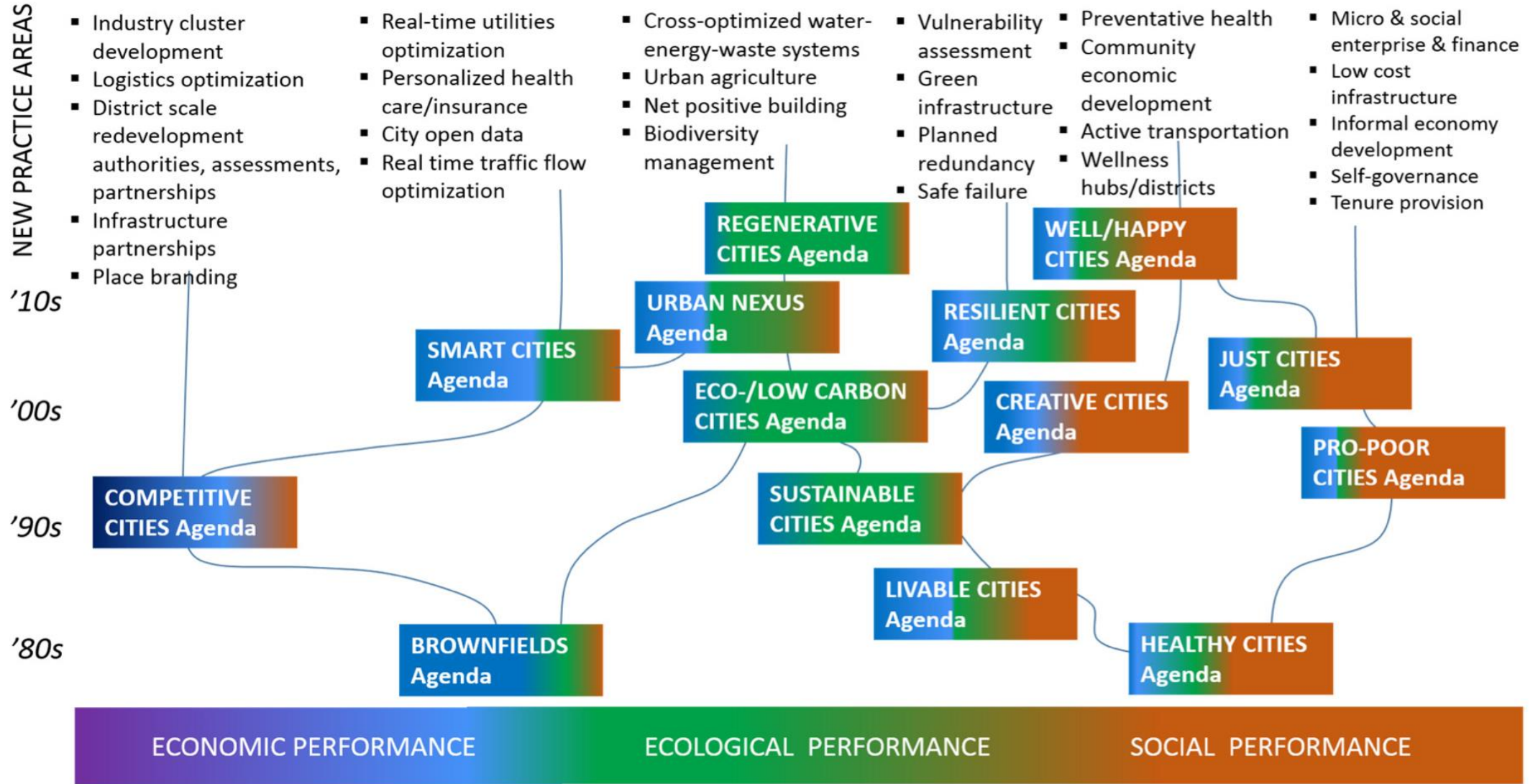
- earthquakes
- floods
- disease outbreaks
- terrorist attacks

It is about the vulnerability of our landscapes, technologies and our institutions to respond



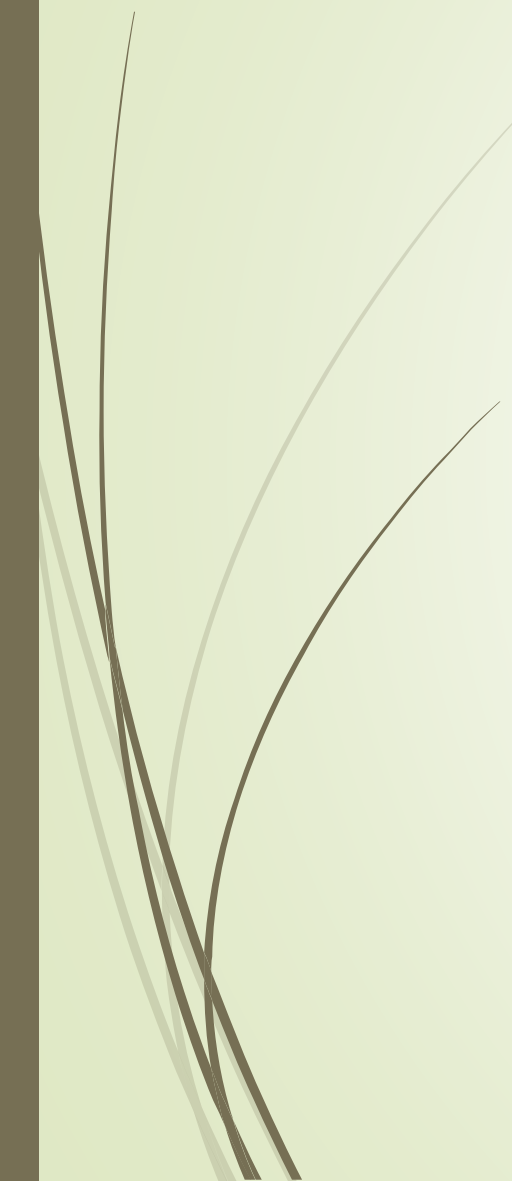
# New urban productivity agenda

**FIGURE 1.2 THE EMERGENCE OF THE URBAN PRODUCTIVITY PRACTICES**





## 2017 – 20 years on

- In 1997 – BHP was closing
  - Newcastle has prospered
  - 2017 – debate about closing a coal fired power station
  - Echoes of the same debate
  - Can the Hunter transition beyond coal ?
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# The Journey - Pathways

- “Developing a strategy for ecological change ... may be best compared with planning a long journey. If the destination is far away and it is uncertain when we will get there, then it is wise to set off in the general direction and to make the travelling meaningful and agreeable in itself. This implies creating steps that are self motivating and choosing means that are meaningful and not just a means to an end.”
- Sybrand Tjallingi 1996

