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I recommend that the WA government take action on polluters and on building design.

WA Government should have an **emissions reduction target**, with meaningful penalties for those who breach those targets. For example, until their emissions are brought under control, government should block any further expansion of industry on the North West Shelf site. Industry there already emits serious levels of pollution. Current and predicted emissions should be seriously and publicly documented so that residents can assess the risks to their health.

Vehicle emissions can be reduced by better integration of public transport, better bicycle networks and safe pedestrian ways. Licence and insurance fees can be modified to discourage the purchase of large and gas-guzzling cars. A large proportion of purchases in recent years has been SUVs.

Cattle are potent **methane producers** (burping, not [REDACTED]!) and there is research that shows that this can be reduced by modifications and supplements to diet. Government should invest in this research. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas.

Inappropriate houses are built that take no advantage of the WA climate. For comfort they must run air conditioning for most of the year. There are a few fine examples of thoughtful planning and sustainable housing. With government regulation these should be the norm. We waste **water**. I would like to see all new buildings required to have large underground water tanks, at least enough to provide all grey water needs. The Gnagara underground water is under stress; bores should be banned.

This is a rushed and short response which does not adequately express my concern on this issue. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for the detailed discussion paper.

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