

# Energy Exports

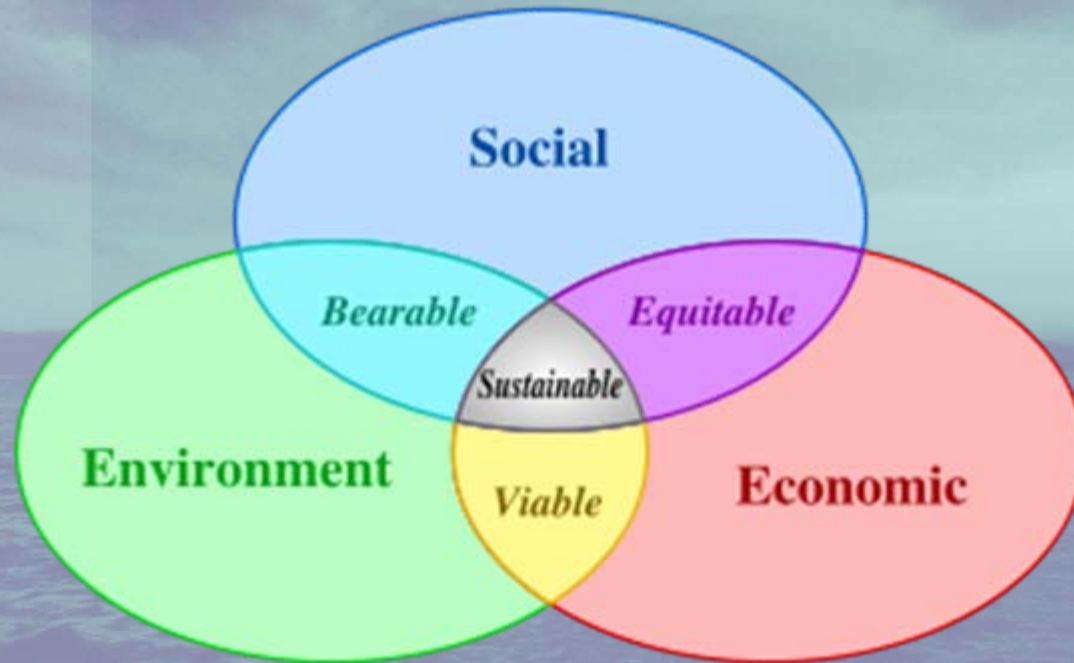
Are We Jettisoning our Future?

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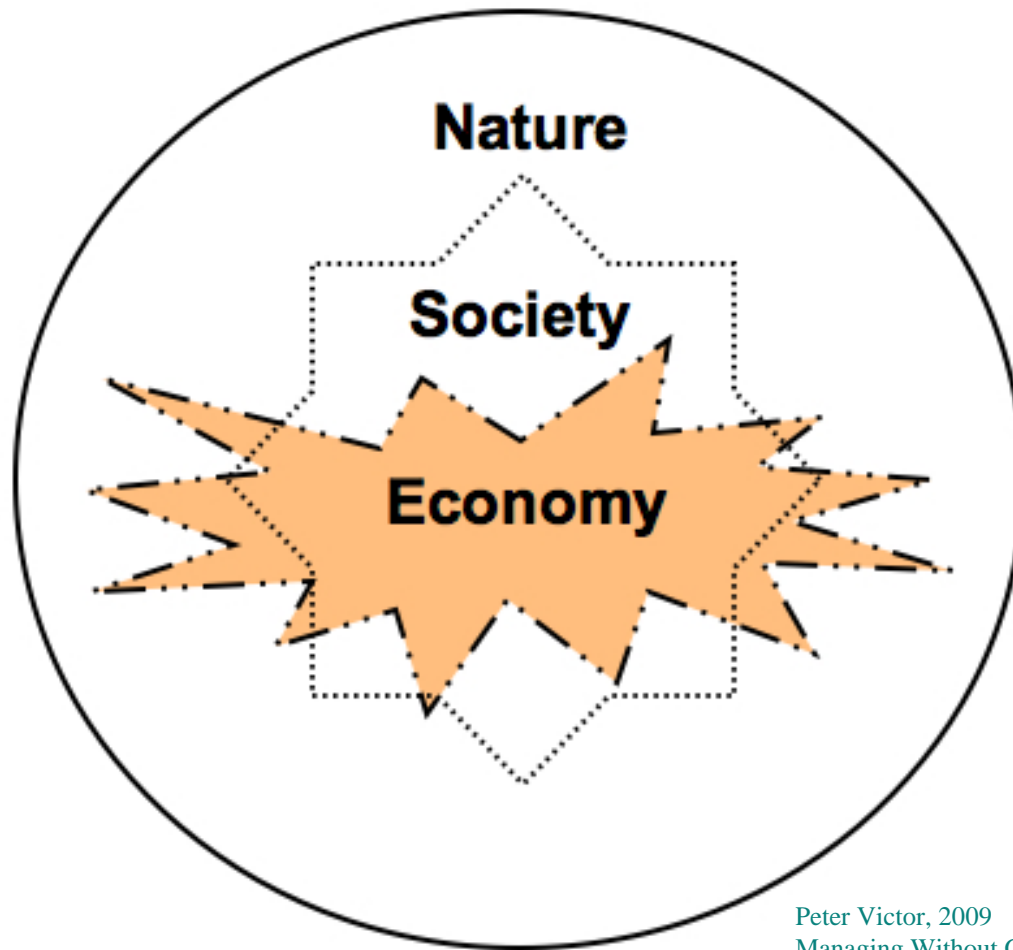


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# The Fairytale We Tell Ourselves



# A Wild Fact



Peter Victor, 2009  
Managing Without Growth

# Living Beyond Our Means

- Assimilative capacity swamped: global climate change, acidifying oceans
- Life-support systems spiral down: 75% of ecosystems in decline; 60% of the ecosystem services degraded or used unsustainably.

<http://www.millenniumassessment>

- Scale of non-renewable use

# The Really Inconvenient Truth

- No solving the environmental crisis without reducing the scale of energy and material throughput in wealthy countries
- No solving global poverty without reducing the scale of energy and material throughput in wealthy countries

# Implication for Energy Exports

- No national debate
- Absence of policy to reflect reality
- Direction to regulators lacking
- Carbon constrained economy
- Biophysically constrained economy
- Unsustainably consuming finite stocks of resources in world with limited capacity to absorb wastes

# Implications for Exports

- Exports can no longer depend on consuming ever larger amounts of resources, producing ever larger amounts of waste which cannot be assimilated
- Limits on throughput: new role for energy regulators, hard caps on emissions/effluent, fiscal reform to redirect investment

# Will the Common Good Prevail?

From the burnout of unlimited growth to  
the resilience of continually renewed  
abundance

Right Relationship – Building a Whole Earth Economy  
by Peter G. Brown and Geoffrey Garver - 2009



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