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Gaining Advantage in a Dynamic Project Landscape



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## Sustainability in Project Delivery for the 21st Century: Carbon and Beyond

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# Outline

- This really is business as unusual
- Background: A brief Journey of Sustainability
- Towards a Quantitative Measure of Real Sustainability
- Making Sustainability Work for Business Decision-Making
- Examples from Infrastructure and Hydrocarbons Industries
- A New Measure of Success



# What is the goal of business?



Milton Friedman (1970):

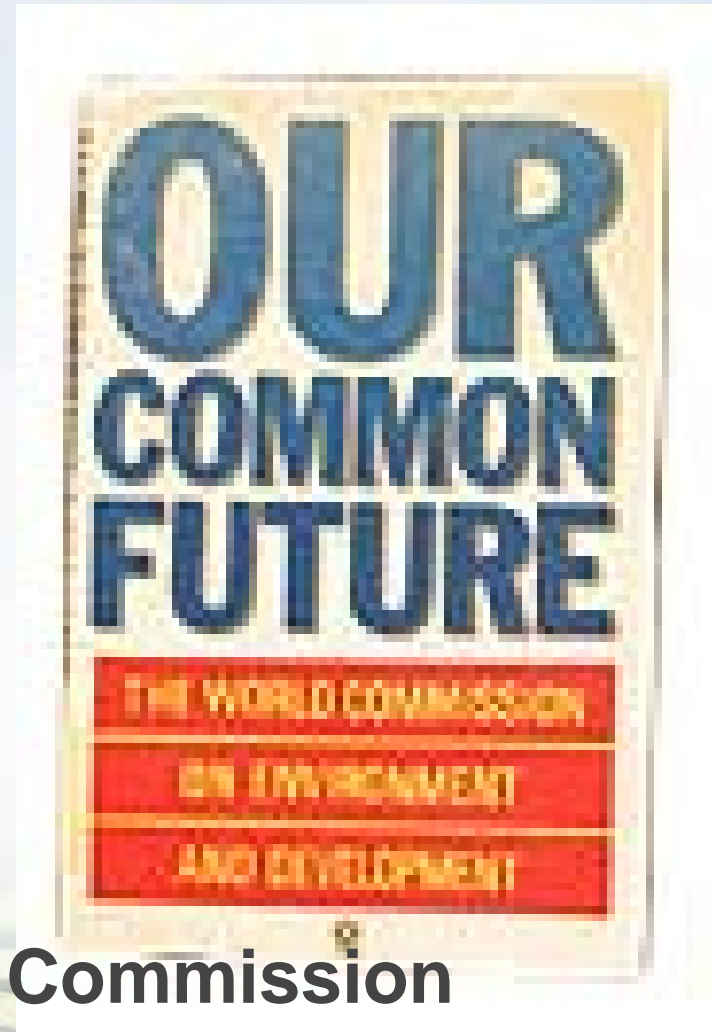
“the business of business is business”



Edward Freeman (1984):

“the business of business is stakeholders”

# Sustainability Circa 1987



UN Bruntland Commission

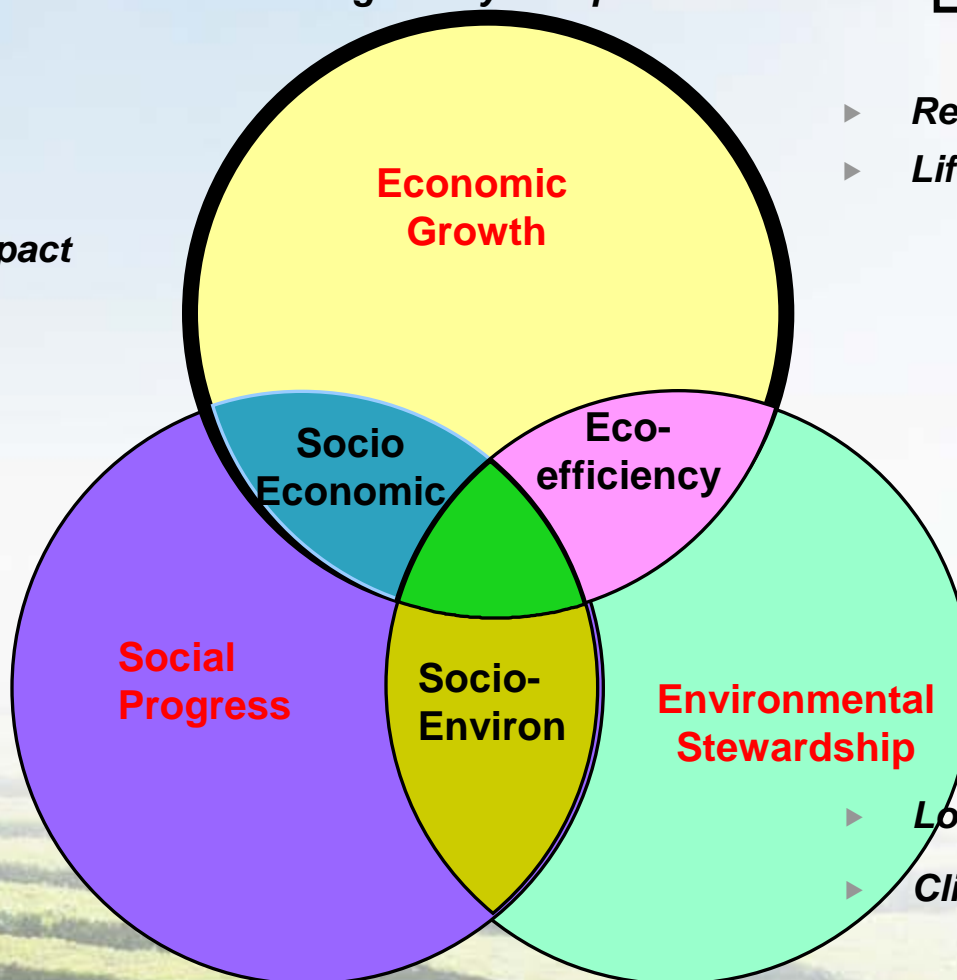
# API Sustainability Guidelines

## Triple Bottom Line

- ▶ *Shareholder Return*
- ▶ *Regulatory Compliance*

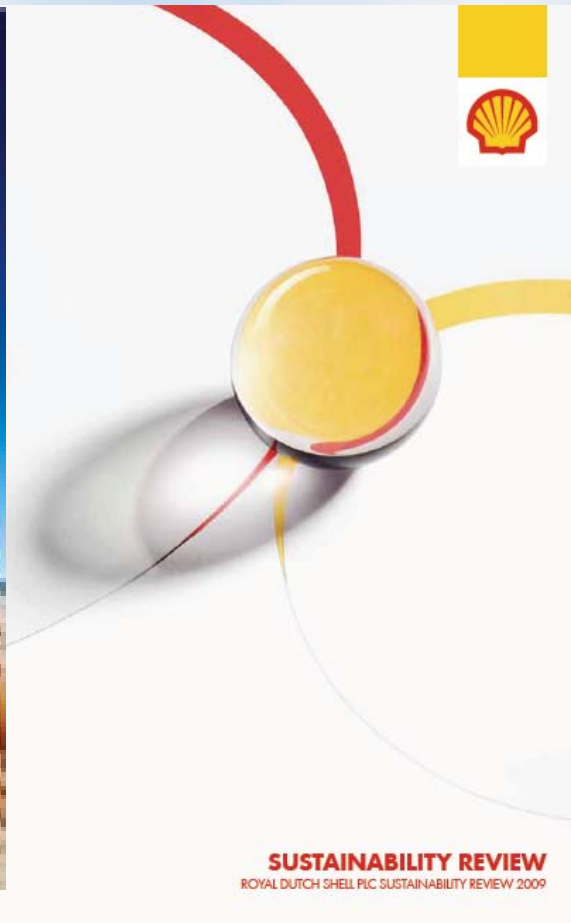
- ▶ *Jobs Creation*
- ▶ *Business Ethics*
- ▶ *Local Economic Impact*

- ▶ *Resource efficiency*
- ▶ *Life cycle analysis*



- ▶ *Waste minimisation*
- ▶ *Emissions reduction*
- ▶ *Regulatory compliance*
- ▶ *biodiversity*
- ▶ *Spill prevention*

- ▶ *Local environmental impact*
- ▶ *Climate change*



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# ARS Question

**1. Do you believe that you understand the concept of sustainability sufficiently well to make it an advantage to your business or project?**

1. YES

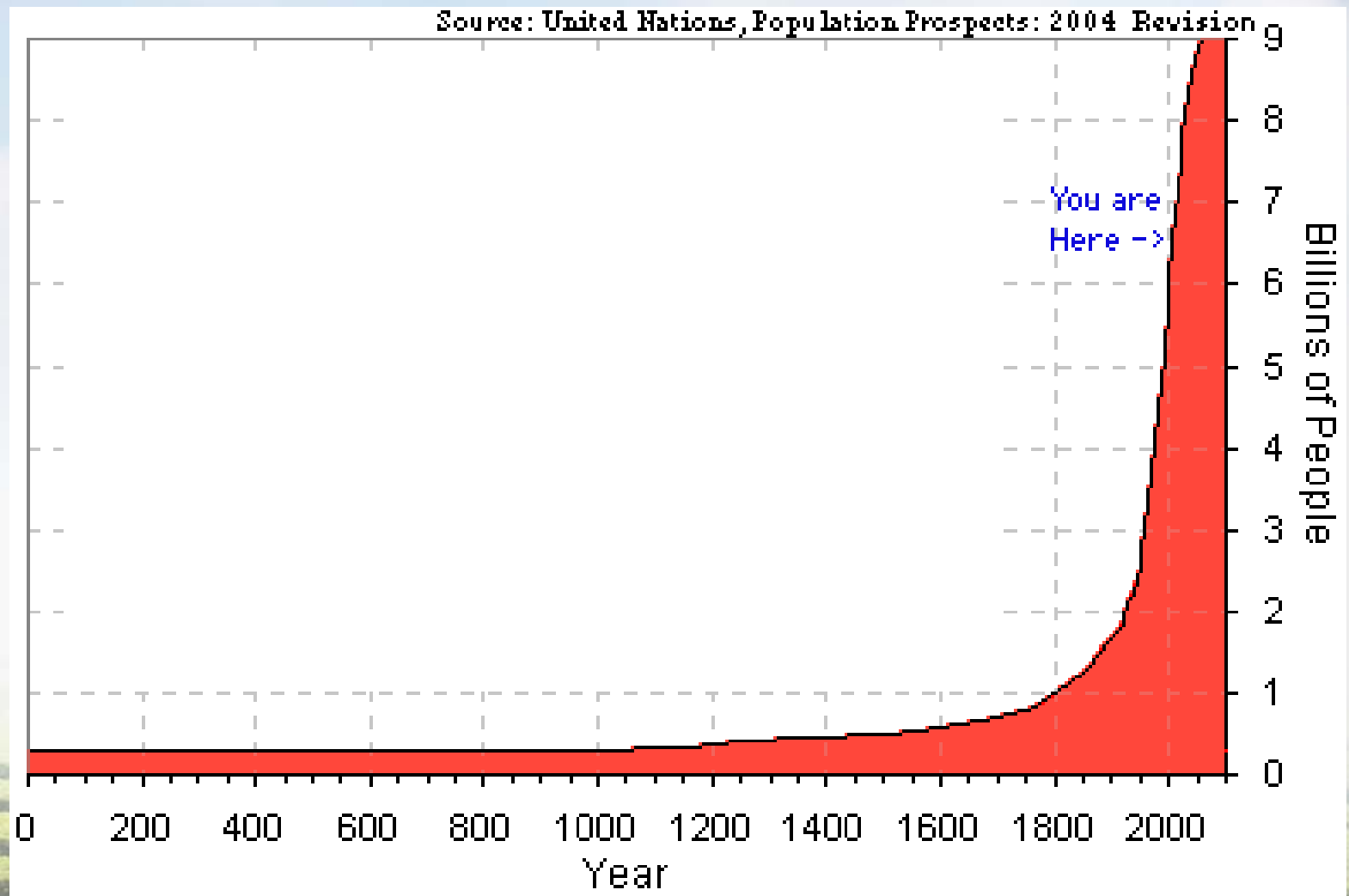


2. NO





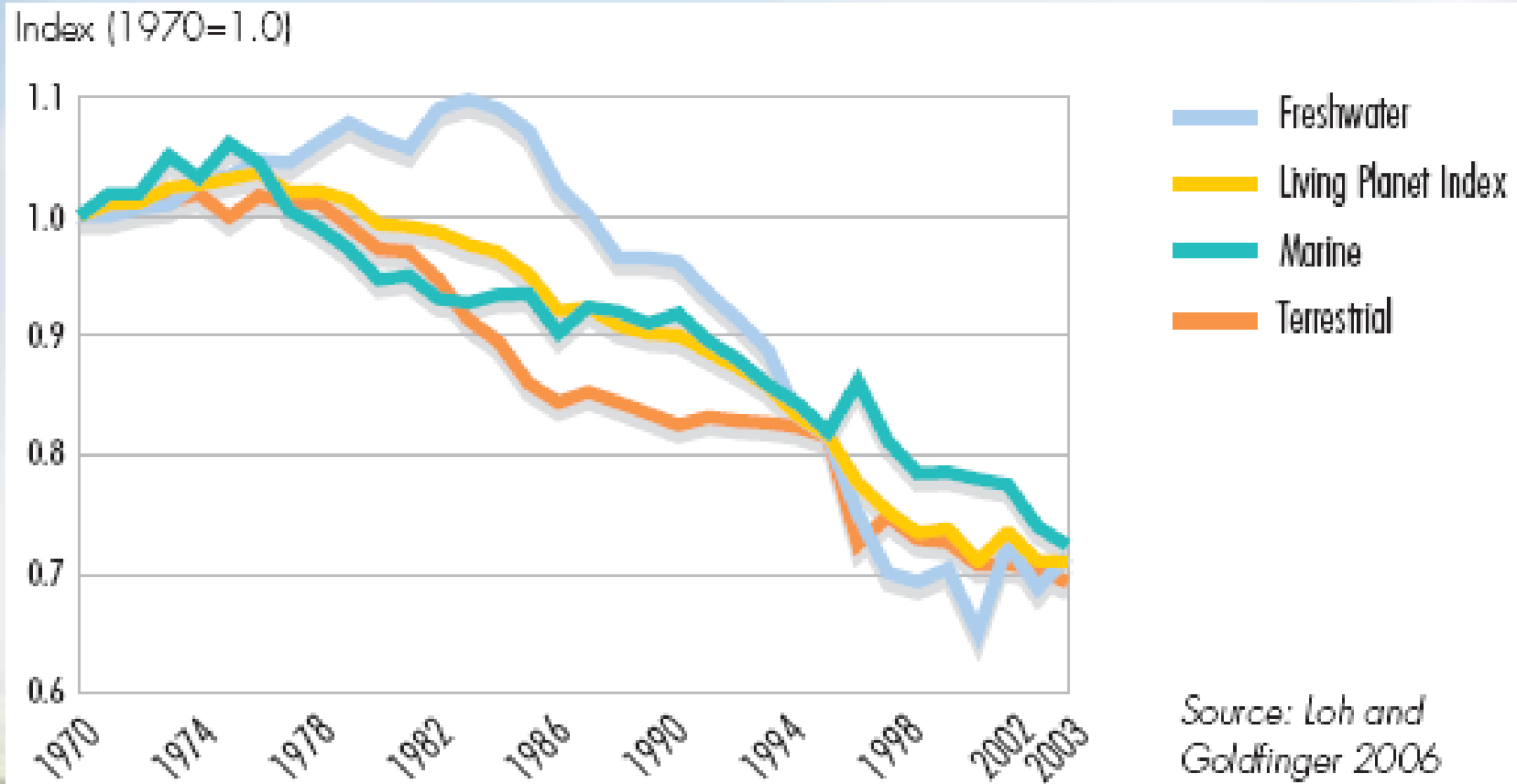
# Challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Population



# Health and Sanitation



# Decline in Biodiversity



LIVING PLANET INDEX: UN GEO-4, 2008.



# Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**“The world’s energy system is at a crossroads. Current global trends in energy supply and consumption are patently unsustainable — environmentally, economically, socially. But that can — and must — be altered; *there’s still time to change the road we’re on.*”**

**“It is not an exaggeration to claim that the future of human prosperity depends on how successfully we tackle the two central energy challenges facing us today: securing the supply of reliable and affordable energy; and effecting a rapid transformation to a low-carbon, efficient and environmentally benign system of energy supply. What is needed is nothing short of an energy revolution.”**

**International Energy Agency / OECD, 2009**





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# Decision Making Challenge of Trade-offs:

## Risk and Value : Cost and Benefit



# Monetising Risk and Opportunity



Environment

Society



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# Power Production



**Conventional  
Coal-Fired  
Power**



**Renewables –  
wind and  
solar**



# ARS Question

## 2. Which form of power production is more economic?

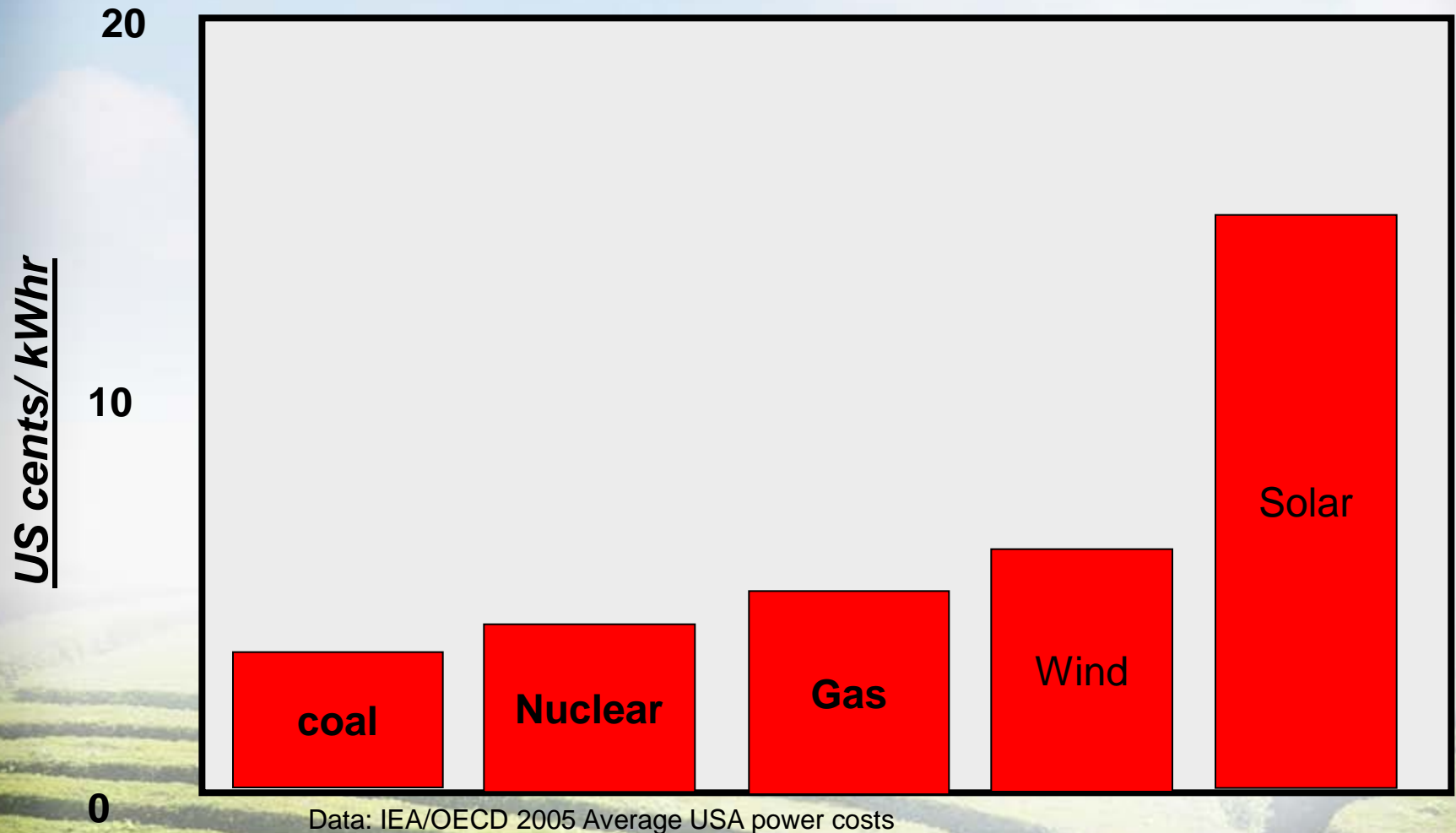
1. Conventional coal fired power or



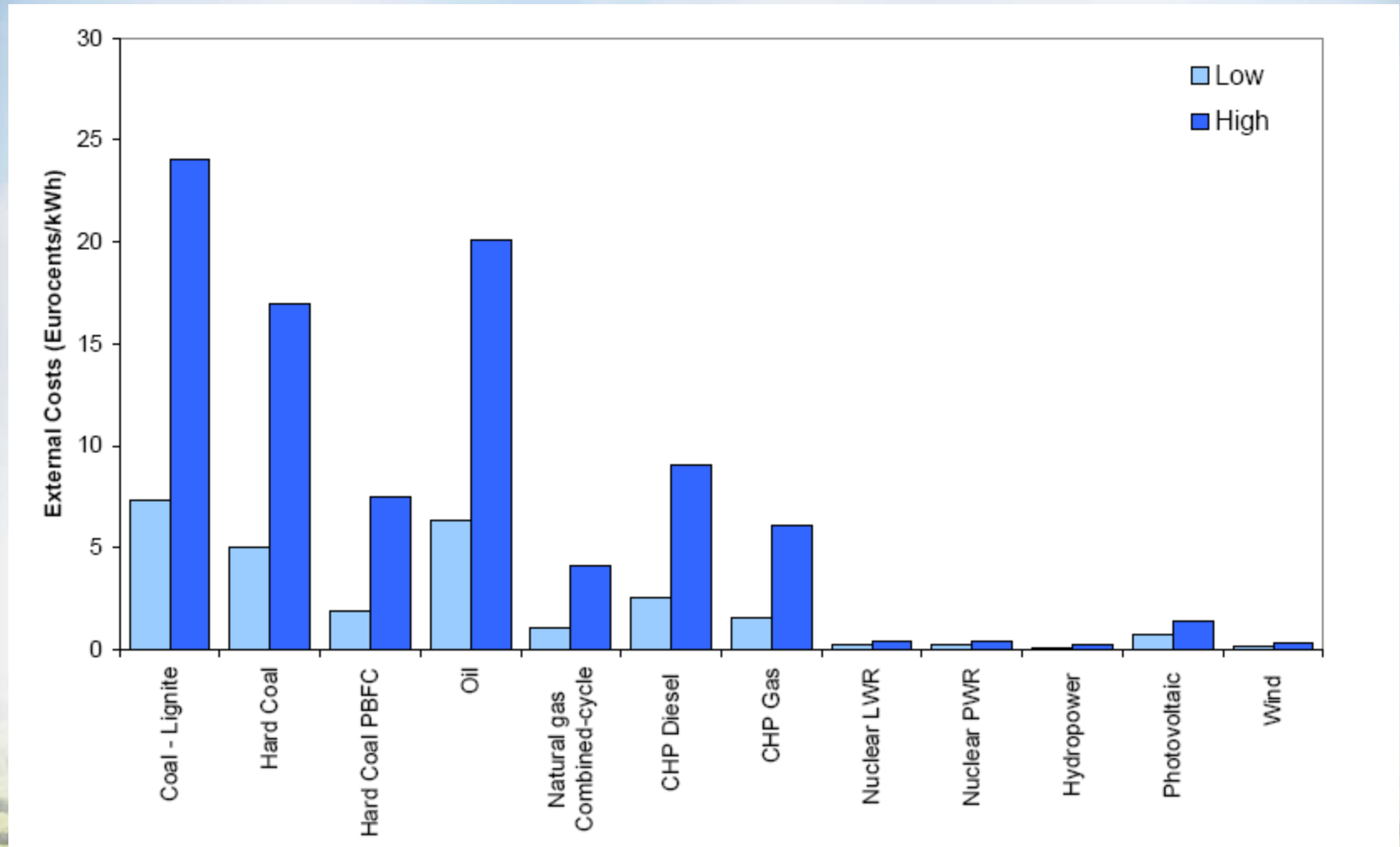
2. Renewables such as large scale solar thermal and wind



# Average US Cost of Power Production

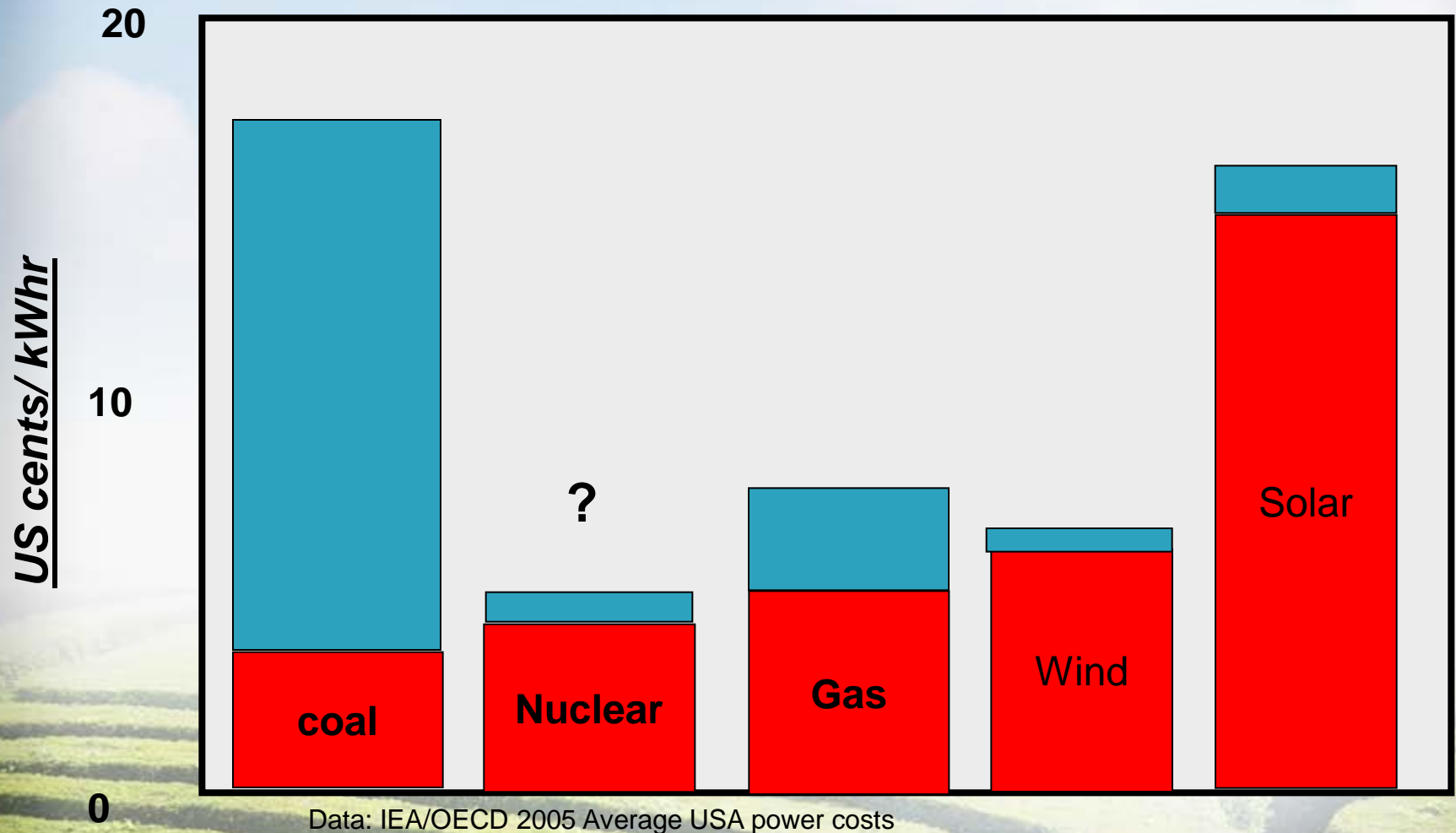


# External Costs of Electricity Production



Source: European Environment Agency, from CAFÉ 2005

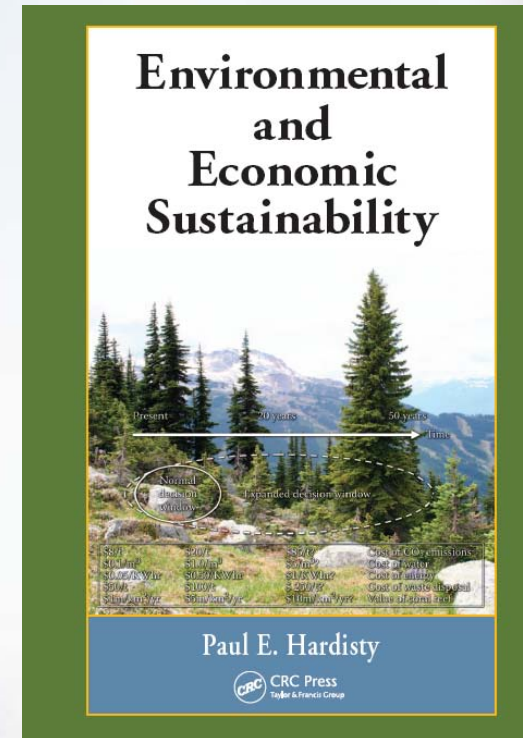
# Cost of Power Production + Environmental and Social Cost of Air Emissions





# A New Definition of Sustainability

- *“If over the long term a proposition delivers more benefit than cost over its complete life-cycle, when all environmental, social and economic factors are taken into account, then the proposition is sustainable”*



# **Environmental and Economic Sustainability Assessment (EESA)**

**Example:**

**Waste water treatment and  
discharge options selection**



# Introduction

- Major Water Utility
- Current standard of treatment protects human health
- Regulator pushing for higher level of treatment
- Community pushing for “zero discharge to streams”
- *“What is the most economic and sustainable way to treat and dispose of wastewater?”*
- Test Site

# Treatment & Disposal Options Considered

	Treatment	Disposal
1	Facultative Pond	Stream Q
2	Facultative Pond	Evap. Pond
3	Facultative Pond	Dam + Onsell
4	Adv. Secondary + Activated Sludge Treatment + Disinfection	Stream Q
5	Tertiary + RO (Drinking Water Quality)	Stream Q
6	Tertiary + RO (Drinking Water Quality)	Dam + Onsell

Increasing  
CAPEX &  
OPEX





# Financial Components

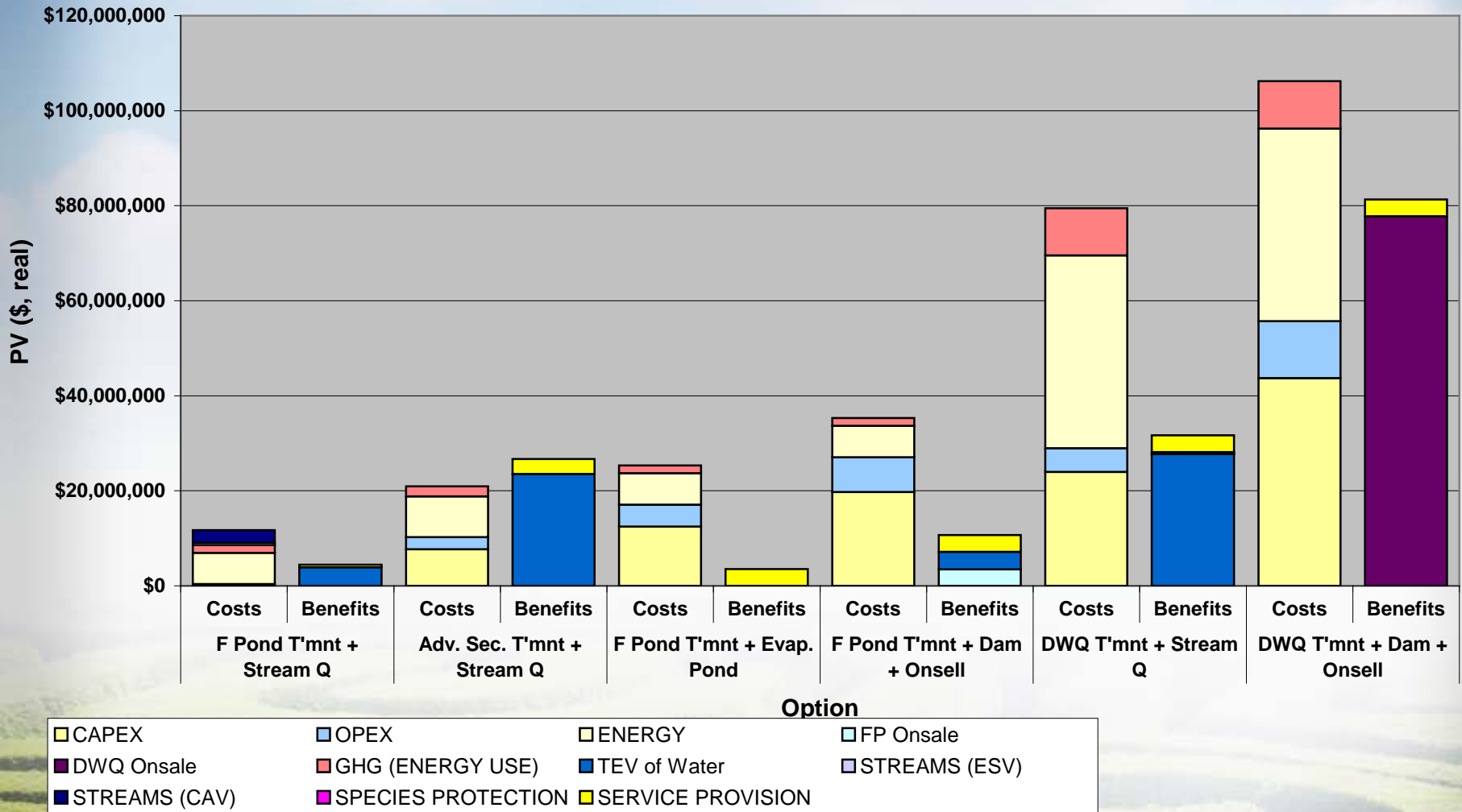
- CAPEX
- OPEX
- Energy Usage
- Revenue from Onsell of F. Pond quality water
- Revenue from Onsell of DWQ water

# External Components

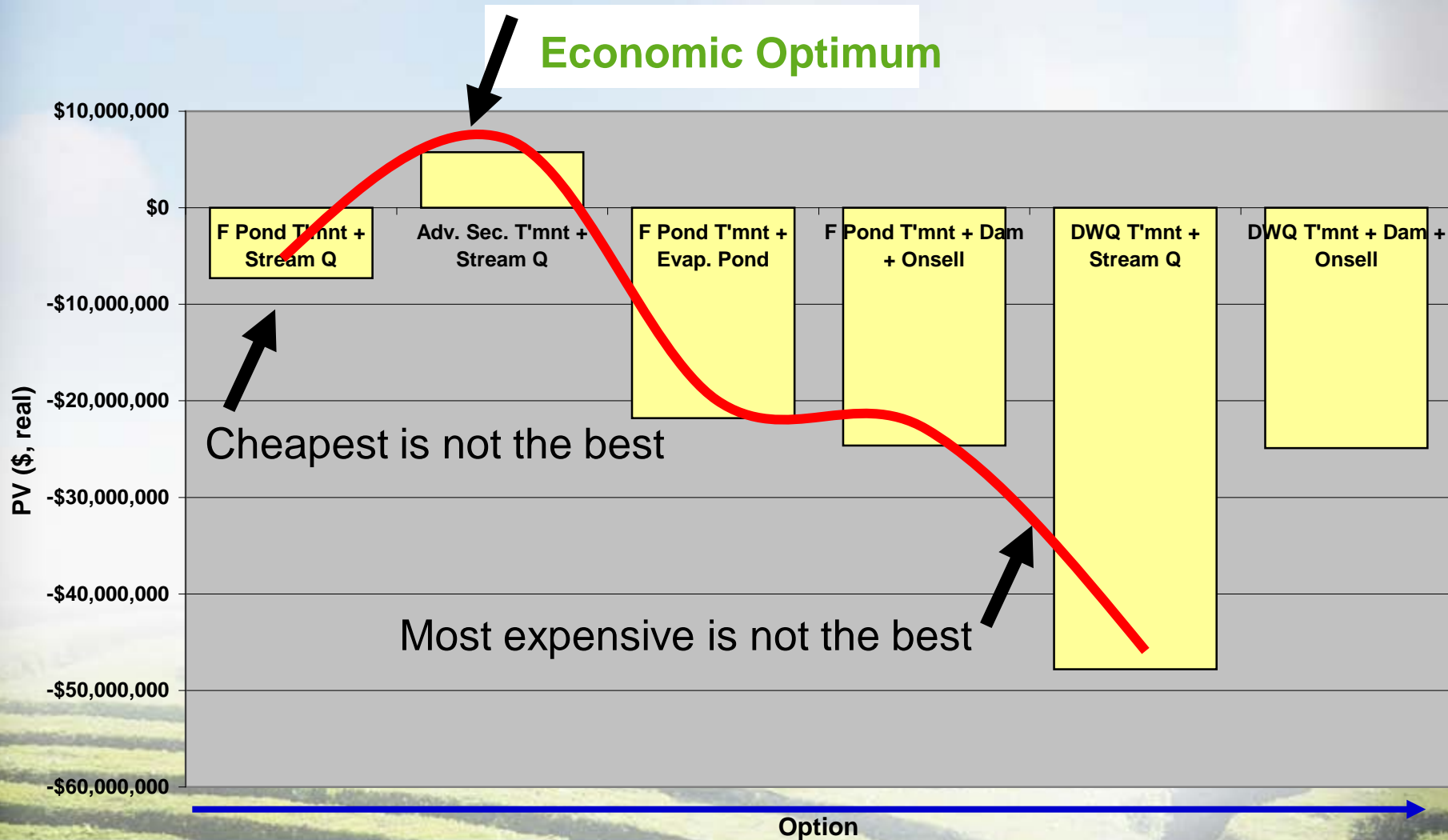
- CO<sub>2-e</sub> from Energy Usage
- Total Economic Value of Water
- Ecosystem Support Value of Streams/Rivers
- Community Asset Value of Streams/Rivers
- Species Protection
- Service Provision

# Results – Base Case

EcoNomics Options Analysis  
Busseton WWTP - Base Case



# Finding the optimal Solution





# DELTA2

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# Outcome

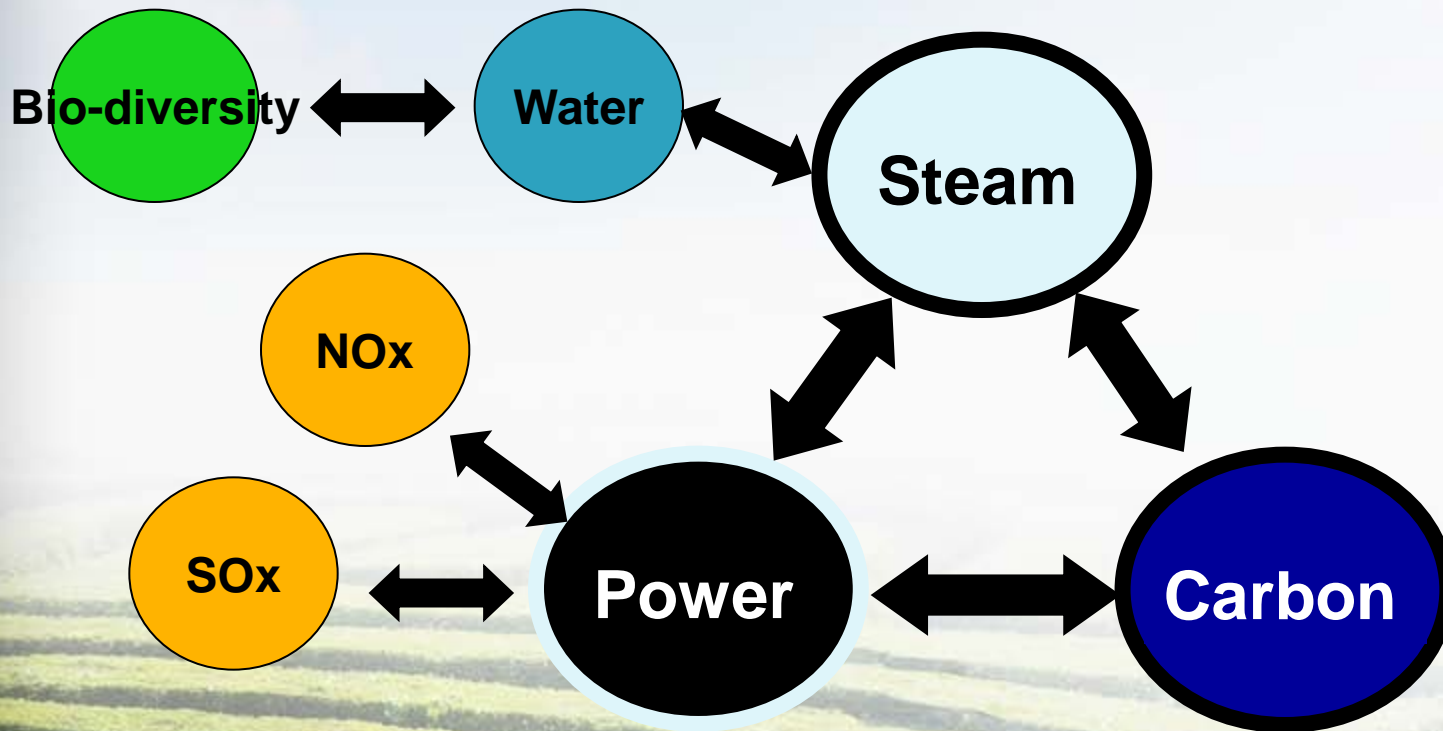
- Agreement between regulator, community and utility on optimal solution
- Two year deadlock broken
- Utility mainstreaming EESA into their fundamental business decision-making processes for all major capital decisions

# Example: Oil Sands Industry



# EESA Objective

determine the most **environmentally, socially and economically sustainable** combination of power generation, steam generation and carbon capture and storage





# Study Options

**1A OTSG - Business as Usual – buy power from grid**

**1B OTSG with CCS**

**2A On-site gas-fired power-gen**

**2B Complete with CCS**

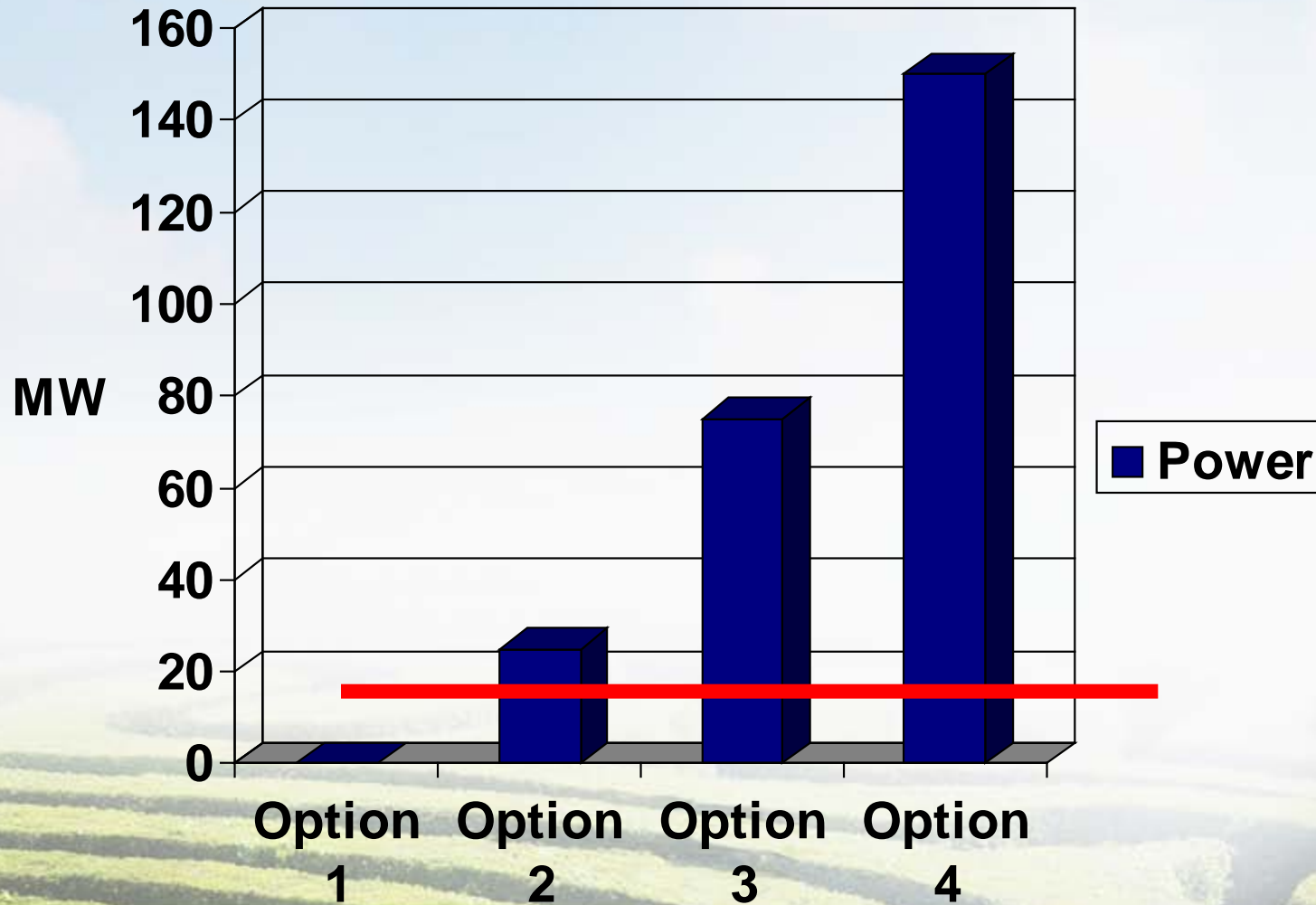
**3A On-site gas - compete steam, surplus power**

**3B Surplus with CCS**

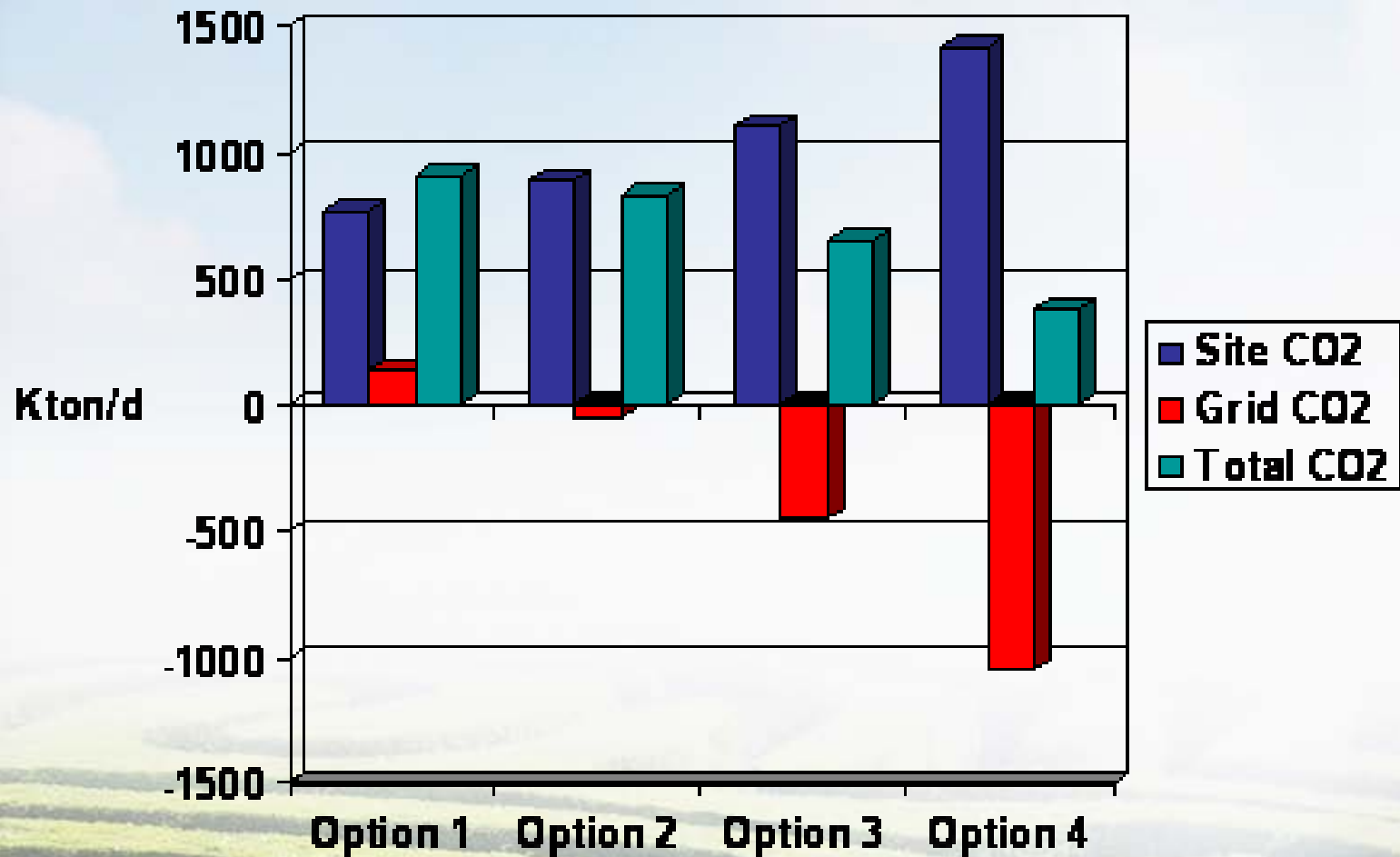
**4A On-site gas – full co-gen, large surplus power**

**4B Excess with CCS**

# Power Spectrum



# CO2 Emissions



# EcoNomics<sup>TM</sup> DELTΔ2

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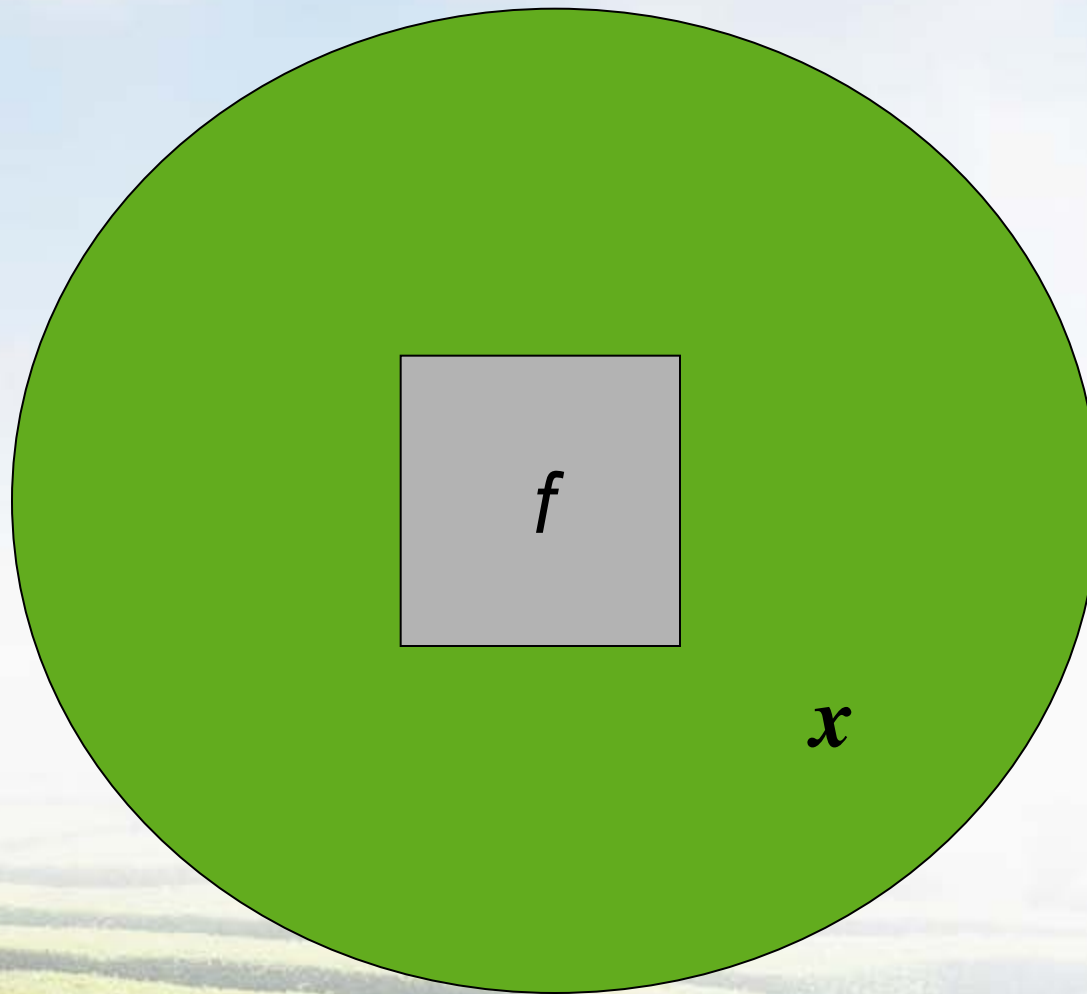
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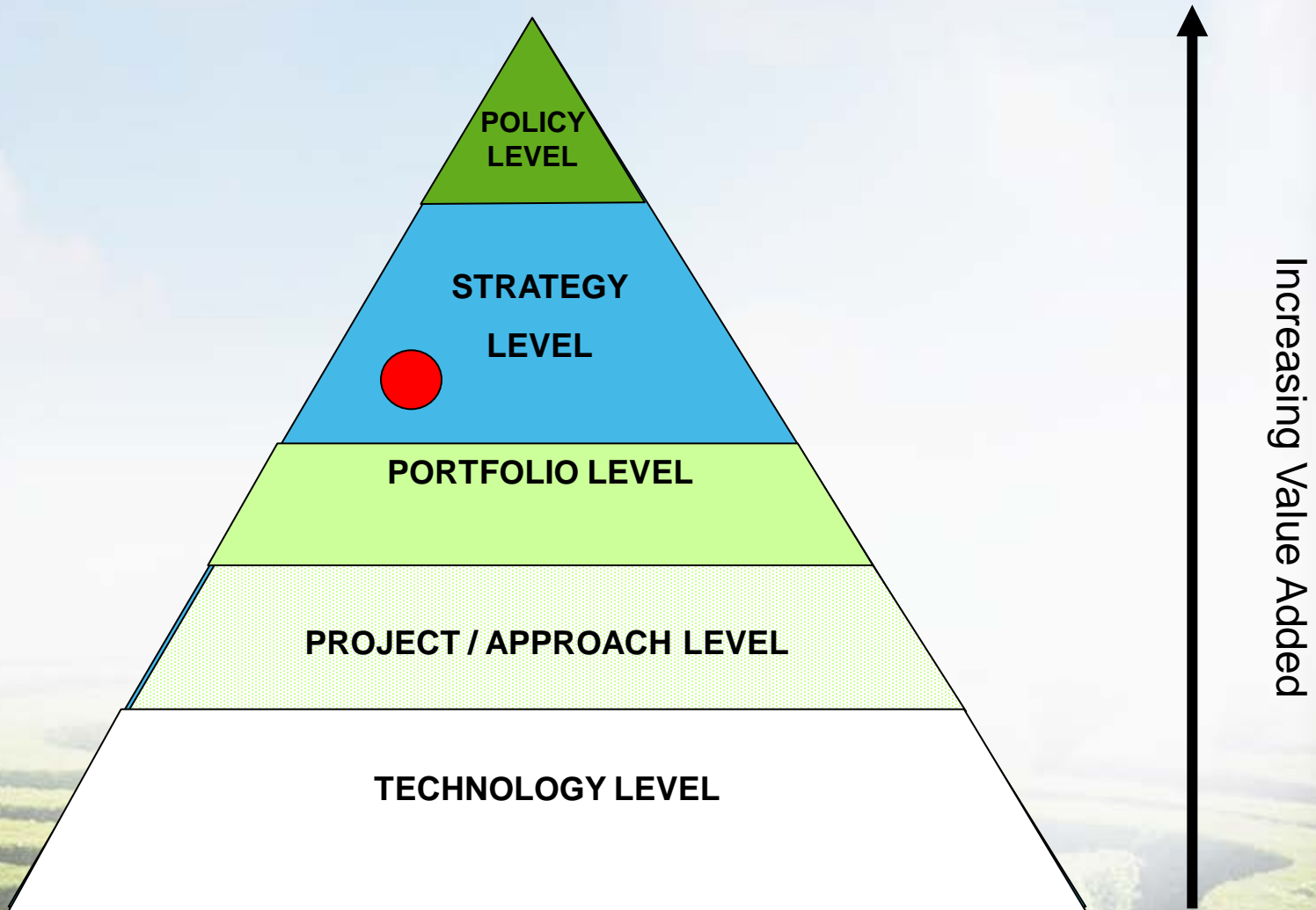
# Outcome

- **Fundamental shift in project design away from business-as-usual**
- **Recognition of significant up-side in financial return under high energy cost and rising carbon cost conditions**
- **Allows company to manage uncertainty in future conditions, carbon costs, social and environmental regulations**

# Measuring Success



# Hierarchy of Assessment



# Achieving Real Sustainability



**“Never, ever, think outside the box”**





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# Conclusions

- Looking at full life-cycle environmental, social and economic costs and benefits provides a more realistic picture of project success
- By expressing every consideration in a common unit of value that everyone understands (MONEY), decision makers can see the full implications of tradeoffs – The Language of Money
- Business as usual almost never provides the optimum result
- EESA provides a rational business decision making approach to project and policy risk management and optimization that suits the conditions of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



