

Creating a Sustainable Wellbeing Future for Humans and the Rest of Nature

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The world faces a convergence of social, environmental, and economic crises, which have a common cause: our addiction to an outdated development paradigm based on fossil-fuelled GDP growth at all costs. A different approach is needed based on the goal of the wellbeing of the entire integrated system of humans embedded in the rest of nature. Creating this future will require will require a credible system to replace reliance on GDP growth with a more comprehensive, dynamic understanding of the links among the many contributors to sustainable and inclusive human wellbeing and the wellbeing of the rest of nature. Central to this is the recognition, modelling, and valuation of the multifaceted contributions of natural capital and ecosystem services. It will also require acknowledging the extent of our lock-in or addiction to the current system and the appropriate strategies, interventions, and therapies needed to allow the transition to a sustainable and inclusive wellbeing economy and society.