

# Assessment for Sustainability

**LIFE SUPPORTING ECOSYSTEMS**

**INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY**

**LEARNING ECOLOGY**

**ASSESSMENT**

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Assessment plays a powerfully influential role in the ecology of learning, which in turn shapes and is shaped by industrial society. Industrial society is embedded within natural ecological systems, depends entirely on them for survival, but is rapidly destroying them. The devastating effects of this have been temporarily passed on to less-industrialised countries, future generations and the backs of minds, but the catch-up is coming far faster than anyone imagined. This has started a fundamental re-evaluation of the goals of industrial society, and what it means to be human, which is gradually working its way back down to the level of assessment.