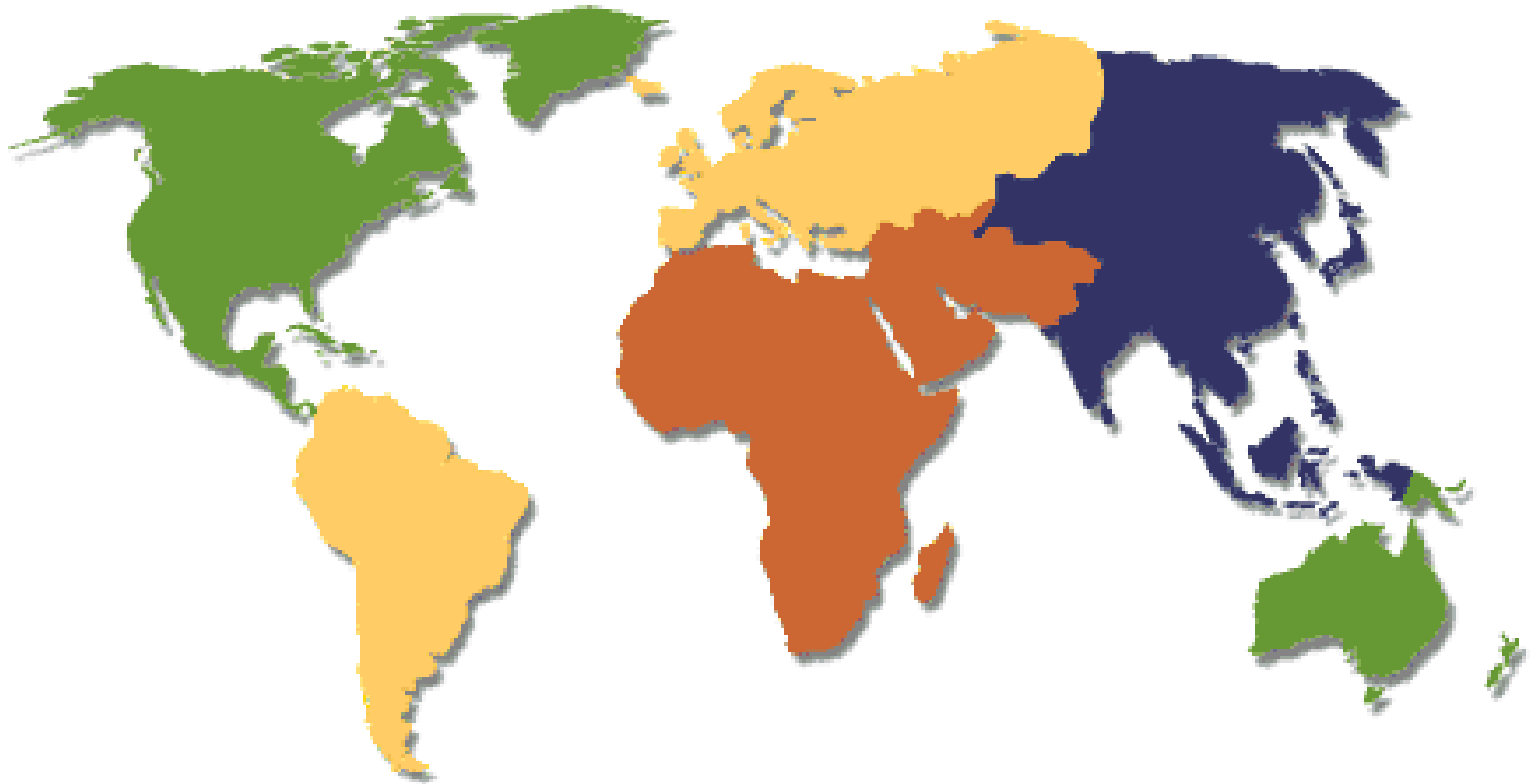


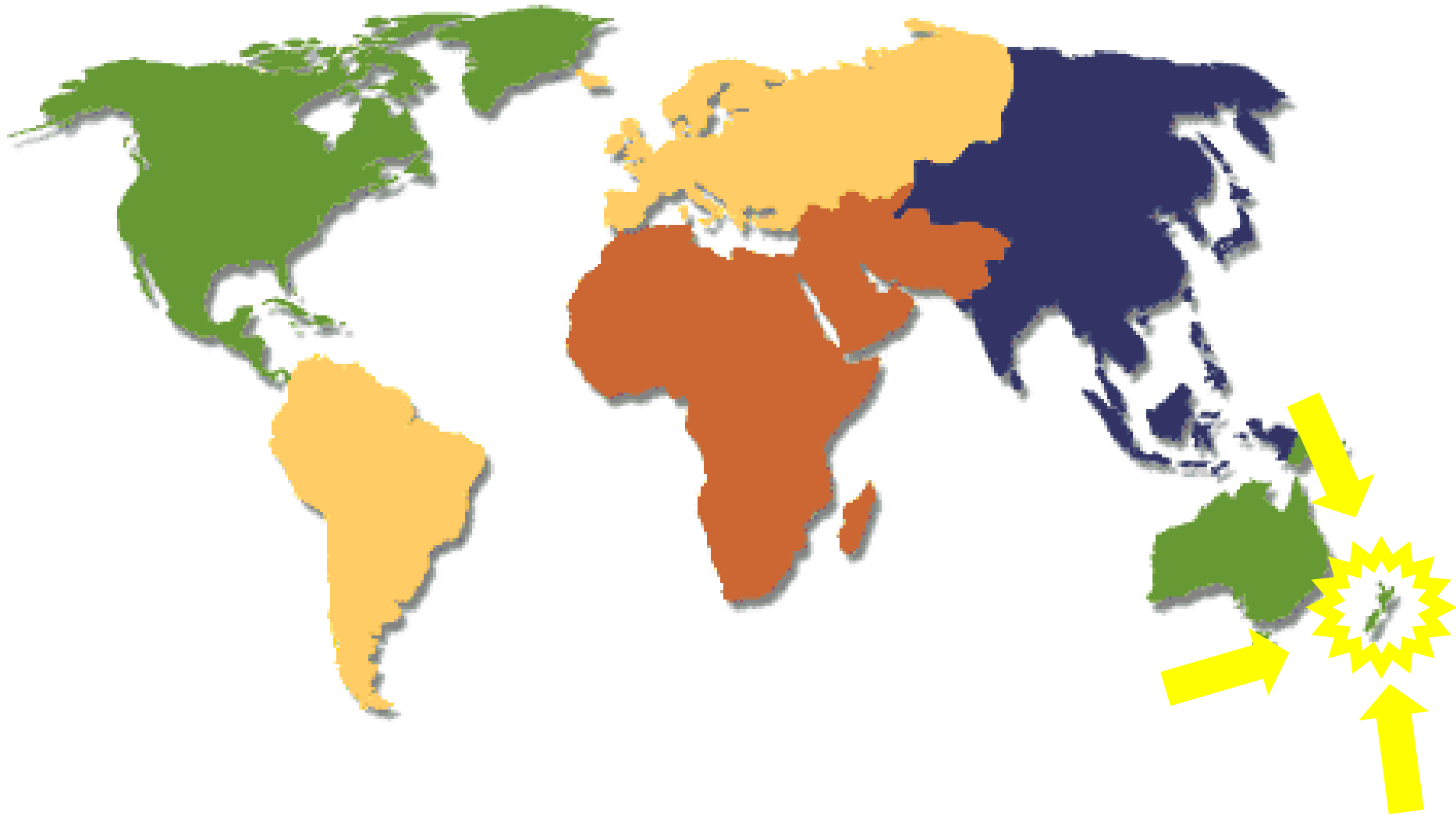
Exchanging alphabet soup for a map and compass:

pathways to policies and programmes
for sustainable development

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just doing it... our map and compass



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- this presentation covers the New Zealand experience to date:
 - background
 - approach
 - where are we at



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background

- by the end of the 1990's:
 - focus on accountability, outputs, narrow objectives, short term, avoidance of policy 'capture'
 - at the expense of: responsibility, outcomes, integration, strategy, innovation, connection with sectors and regions



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background

- and governments worldwide were becoming increasingly aware of:
 - complexity
 - the importance of “co-production”
 - the limits of contractualism
 - new ways of thinking



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- sustainable development offered three core elements:
 - integration across the ‘wellbeings’
 - consideration of long term
 - inclusivity
- ...with considerable appeal as a way to generate new solutions

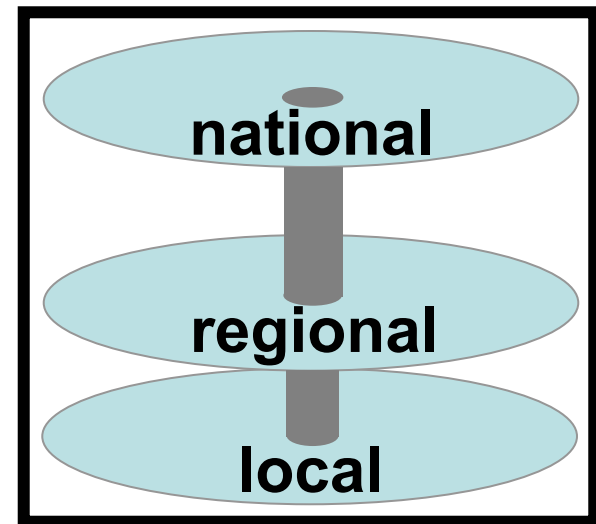


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- also underpins regional development policy and local government legislation
- reflecting a coherent vision:

**central/local
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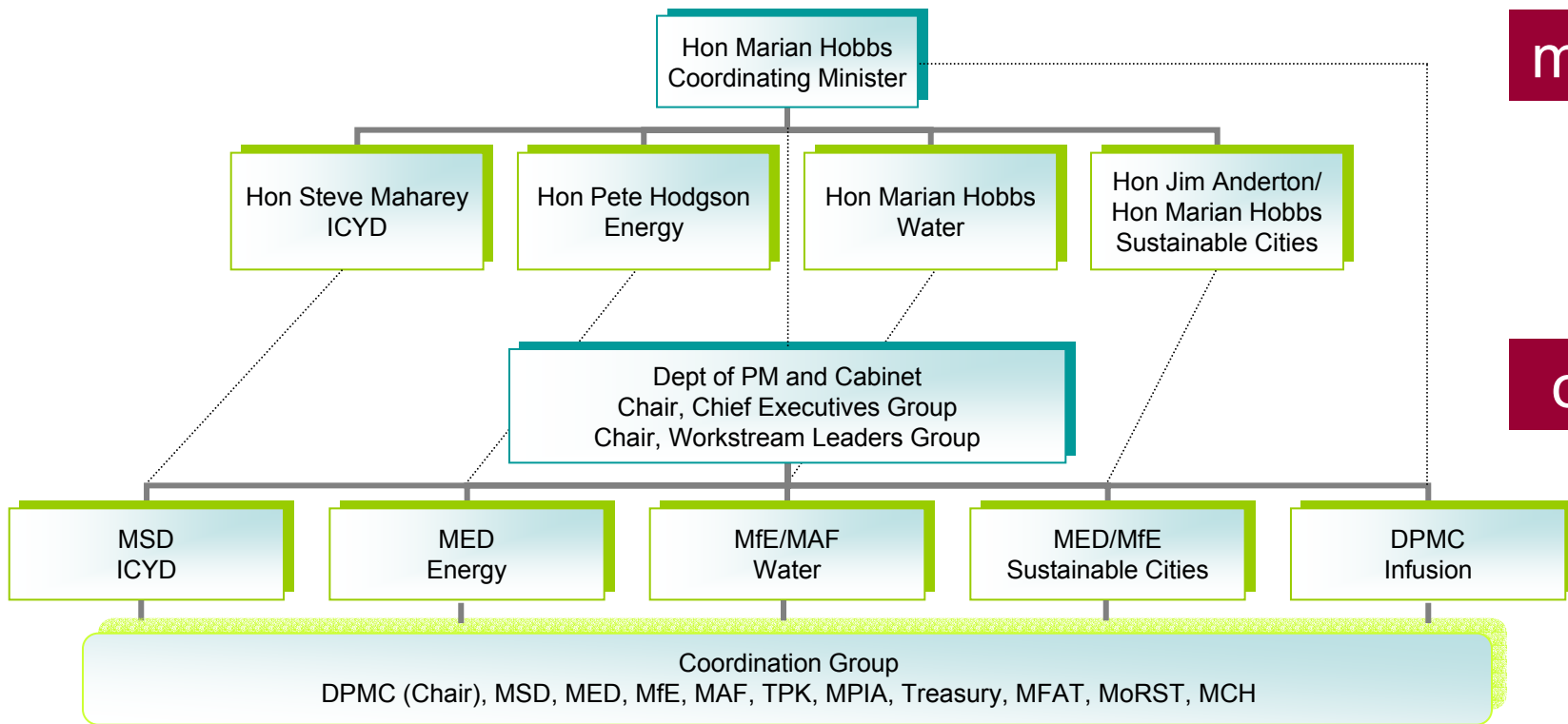
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- the New Zealand SDPoA has three elements:
 - principles
 - action areas
 - 'infusion'



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ministers



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■ principles

“The central commitment of this programme of action is to strengthen the way government operates by applying a set of guiding objectives and principles across the government sector.”

(Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet 2003 p 9)

“Sustainable development must be at the core of all government policy.”

(*ibid* p 10)



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approach

■ action areas:

- water allocation and quality
- energy
- investing in child and youth development
- sustainable cities



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approach

- infusion:
 - policy tools and processes
 - information sharing
 - indicators



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where we are at

- a year on
- the challenges are substantial...
- ...but signs we are on the right track

