

Glossary

ECONOMICS, POLICY, AND THE FUTURE

E

economics the study of how individuals and groups make decisions about the production, distribution, and consumption of limited resources as the individuals or groups attempt to fulfill their needs and wants

Environmental Impact Statement an assessment of the effect of a proposed project or law on the environment

L

lobbying an attempt to influence the decisions of lawmakers

S

sustainability the condition in which human needs are met in such a way that a human population can survive indefinitely