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## The Use of Sustainability tools to support Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)

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### Abstract

Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) are practical studies settled by Brazilian laws in order to identify, forecast, avoid and/or mitigate potentially harmful effects of enterprises with significant pollution potentials. Although based on sustainability principles, the EIA is usually considered as imperfect in pointing out technological alternatives and assessments. This paper presents and discusses about some scientific tools available which could be used in the EIA elaboration aiming to reach stronger sustainability purposes.

*Key words:* sustainability; environmental impact assessment.

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