Summary of Sociaal en Cultureel Planbureau, Planbureau voor de Leefomgeving & Centraal Planbureau (2020)  
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**Summary**

The planning bureaus have collaborated on spreading the message that policy making should look beyond economic recovery to issues such as climate change and growing social divide. The message from their advisory letter is to carefully align short term policy actions with a long-term development agenda. In addition, there is a strong call for customized policy making approach as social groups and regions differ greatly.

**Implications for infrastructure**   
Instead of crisis decision-making, the letter urges long-term investments. The emphasis should be put not only on economic recovery, but also on the living environment and society. As such, the disproportionate effects of the crisis need to be addressed with structural changes that will impact systemic inequalities. Further, the climate goals should be a focal point and another drive for systemic innovation.

**Causal loop diagram**

The story of the diagram is that broad short-term policies, that is focused on economic recovery in addition to improving pressing problems in Dutch society such as housing quality, quality of life, natural capital and social cohesion should build up to accomplishing long-term policy goals. Whereas general narrow-targeted policies tend to have a myopic view which often goes against the long-term goal of solving these problems (see Figure 1).

Adopting the metaphor from the ‘Shifting the burden’ systems archetype, when Dutch society is further away from its long-term goals then it is that much less likely that broad short-term policies will be adopted since the situation then will be even more urgent possibly as a result of a new crisis.



Figure 1. Stock-and-flow diagram based on Sociaal en Cultureel Planbureau, Planbureau voor de Leefomgeving & Centraal Planbureau (2020).

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| 1 | 3 | At the same time, tensions can arise between short and long-term effects | Narrow short-term policy -> Long term policy implementation -> Broad short-term policy |
| 2 | 2 | More than ever, it is relevant to apply a broad prosperity perspective when assessing measures. | Broad short-term policy -> Quality of life -> Broad short-term policy |
| 3 | 6 | The planning offices therefore advise not to emphasize a necessary situation for the short term, but rather the desirable long-term perspective of a healthy, resilient and sustainable society. | Narrow short-term policy -> Quality of life -> Narrow short-term policy |

Table 1. Causal links found within Sociaal en Cultureel Planbureau, Planbureau voor de Leefomgeving & Centraal Planbureau (2020)

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