

Current model of material use & key policy actions to address structural barriers

Material use is a practical proxy for environmental pressures, as resource extraction and processing are major drivers of the triple planetary crisis. This figure illustrates the current model of material use and highlights key policy actions to address structural barriers. Four domains of provisioning – built environment, mobility, food and energy systems – account for the majority of demand. Decisive action can help decouple social outcomes from resource use, reduce environmental pressures, and support dignified living for all.

