

the **EFFECTIVENESS**
of **SCOPING** in EIA

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Land Use Consultants



'Pink Session' Roundtable Discussion:

“For individuals with a wealth of knowledge and practical experience of the topic area who are looking to contribute to advancing practices and performance in particular fields”

Three key discussion points to be reported back today

Dissemination amongst the wider membership

PURPOSE OF SESSION

Agree three discussion points (15 mins max for each)

Suggestions:

What is effective scoping?

Where is scoping failing and why?

Suggestions for improvement

BEST USE OF TIME?

Effective scoping is:

“An **early**, and ‘appropriately’ **participative**, process which ensures that an EIA focuses on the **likely significant effects** of a proposal, thereby helping to ensure that the **ES** is prepared in a **resource efficient manner** and is of **sufficient coverage** and **quality** to provide the environmental information necessary for **determination**”

DISCUSSION POINT 1

Where is scoping failing and why?

Clarity over purpose – likely significant effects

Consultation - ‘technical’ v ‘social’

Consultee experience/expertise and consistency

Response times

What does ‘require only brief treatment’ mean?

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DISCUSSION POINT 2

Suggestions for improvement?

Different consultation for different means?

More discussion/negotiation with consultees?

Improvements to format/content of Scoping Reports?

Response checklist/task programme?

‘Only brief treatment’ – illustrative examples?

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DISCUSSION POINT 3

1. **What is effective scoping?**
2. **Where is scoping failing and why?**
3. **Suggestions for improvement**

SUMMING UP + REPORTING BACK