

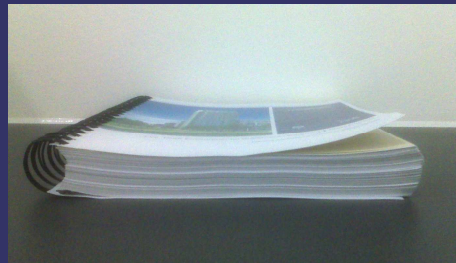


Presentation and Mitigation Some thoughts

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Presentation – where have we gone wrong?

or how did we get from



to



Remind ourselves.....

Statutory purposes:

- **providing information to regulators to enable more informed consent decisions**
- **providing information to external stakeholders to enable effective representation of their interests**

Wider purpose:

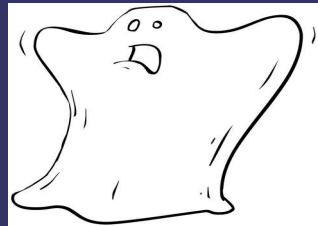
- **helping shape better projects through informing and influencing planning, design, consenting and implementation**

The Whys

- **Poor planning and coordination**



- **Risk aversion**



- **Laziness**



Planning and Coordination

1. More Planning less Scoping

- just enough
- tailored effort
- directed contributions

We'd get...

- short, early scoping documents – work plans not mini EIS
- scans of the baseline not State of the Environment Reports
- less work for us, our clients, the regulators and the consultation bodies
- more time for the real work

Planning and Coordination

2. More integrated working less silos:

- ensure specialists understand the bigger picture
- design their efforts to suit the issues – baseline surveys, predictive methods
- share information and outputs along the way
- avoid duplication of effort – and gaps

Planning and Coordination

3. Planning the product to reduce the pages:

- providing common elements and data up front
- scrapping unnecessary chapters and grouping issues
- integrating the baseline
- only including essential information – referencing the rest
- avoiding a formula

Planning and Coordination

4. Avoiding the formula:

- provide a skeleton and a style
- define what's needed but don't prescribe
- budget the time to make it flow
 - strip out the unnecessary
 - internal and external referencing
 - simplify the language
 - effective use of graphics
 - consistency
 - logical story

The “just in case” approach ...

what's driving it:

- specialists
- statutory consultees
- legal advisers

.....leads to:

- unnecessary field work
- unnecessary baseline reporting
- over complex methods ...
- ... and “methodologies”
- indigestible reports

Laziness !

- **Hit the button and crank the handle**
- **What do you get?**
 - a series of technical treatises
 - buried in unnecessary detail
 - repetition and inconsistency
 - off the shelf and cut and paste
 - an incoherent and disjointed story



What do we need?

- **Less scoping and more planning**
- **Less baseline and more impact**
- **Less segregation and more integration**
- **Less writing and more crafting**

Mitigation

- **by design: from alternatives to details**
- **working methods**
- **management**

- **wills and woulds vs coulds and shoulds**
- **embedded and additional/without mitigation and residual impacts !!!!!!!!!**

if EIA is about helping shape better projects through informing and influencing planning, design, consenting and implementation then...



Thank you

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