Intergenerational thinking.

Youth need to be involved in planning processes. Where's the intergenerational thinking.

Why the contribution is important

Youth tend to be left out of the conversation. Diversity, equitable access.

Ensure segregated data is available and accessible

Government data needs to ensure segregated data is available and accessible

Why the contribution is important

Current ethnic divisions are limited in their usefulness

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:51PM

More women of colour into government and local boards

Diversity representation of women of colour into government and local boards

Why the contribution is important

Currently there is little representation

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:50PM

All data should be made open and accessible

All data should be made open and accessible. It can be used by business, NGOs and communities

Why the contribution is important

Open data is important.

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:49PM

Population agencies need to share data and be open

Population agencies (TPK, MPP, OEC) need to share data and ensure open, available and accessible

Why the contribution is important

NZ society is increasingly mixed, diverse and heterogenus

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:48PM

Govt data needs to be accessible

Govt data needs to be accessible. It hard to find and its often in the wrong form.

Why the contribution is important

open data

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:44PM

How does Govt Use My Data?

I want to track how my personal data is stored/shared/used across govt

Why the contribution is important

transparentcy and digital rights

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:41PM

Transparency for renters

We should be using technology to rate the performance of landlords and rental housing - both ways not one way

Why the contribution is important

There is no transparency for renters and data is hidden - landlords can look up tenants but not the other way

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:40PM

public register of landlords

We need a public register of landlords

Why the contribution is important

Transparency and open data and anti corruption

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:38PM

Govt data accountable in socio-cultural terms

Govt data needs to define processes for holding govt accountable in socio-cultural terms

Why the contribution is important

transparency and open data

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:37PM

Shared information

Shared information across govt and NGOs is important and should be transparent

Why the contribution is important

Transparency

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:34PM

Make diaries of politicians open to view

Make diaries of politicians open to view

Why the contribution is important

The public should know who they meet with - transparency and anti corruption

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:33PM

Encourage people to upskill and educate

Encouraging to upskill/educate should be one of the top priorities. Better education normally relates to better life

Why the contribution is important

Better education normally relates to better life

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:32PM

forward Planning for Public transportation

Public transportation is important. We need to plan to cater for rising population and need adequte infrasturcture to cater for it

Why the contribution is important

Equitable access to services

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:30PM

Enviromental sustainability

Enviromental sustainability is important

Why the contribution is important

Currently in the name of economic growth we compromise our environment

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:28PM

digital divide in

Digital accessibility is important

Why the contribution is important

Currently there is a digital divide in the community. Public participation and inclusion

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:24PM

I want my Pacific Island values reflected

I want my Pacific Island values reflected in policy development

Why the contribution is important

Diversity and inclusion, equitable access and public participation

by [AucklandWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:23PM

guidelines re open data need to be accompanied by funding

Declarations and guidelines re open data need to be accompanied by funding. Regional and local government/council lacks resources to identify, document and publish open data

Why the contribution is important

transparency and open data

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:15PM

Mandate that govt resources are openly licensed

Mandate that resources; data, images, research etc (with exceptions for child protection and indigenous knowledge respect) that are funded by taxpayer/ratepayer by openly licensed

Why the contribution is important

The public pay/fund the creation of these resources. Access to reuse and remix encourages creative societies

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:14PM

Algorithmic transparency

Algorithmic transparency (rules, calculations, AI, machine learning) need to be open and available for inspection and interrogation and justification

Why the contribution is important

It is disempowering to citizens to be subject to digital processes that are opaque and may contain hidden biases and assumptions

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:12PM

Visualise and diagram the OGP timeline

It can be confusing to understand the action plan and reporting relative to consultation and engagement opportunities

Why the contribution is important

Transparency and public participation

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:12PM

ogp.org.nz and SSC need to exemplify good web practices

ogp.org.nz and SSC need to exemplify good web practices and transparency. Fix the website and be more open!

It's not clear who the EAP members are, who the officials group are, many link e.g. documents missing and broken, and somebody in government needs to start fixing this

Why the contribution is important

transparency and trust

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:11PM

End exemption from privacy commission oversight of data

The exemption from privacy commission oversight of data gathered for statistics must end. Stats IDI represents a significant privacy risk that lacks social license and is insufficiently understood by most of NZ

Why the contribution is important

transparency and open data

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:09PM

transport that is sustainable

dhbS/Transport/Social development/Housing should all fund projects on transport that is sustainable accessible and affordable

Why the contribution is important

Transport is central to wellbeing, access to economic activities, connect peoples and is essential to urban design and planning

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:06PM

See if the research has already been done

Have an international outlook on realised project. Because many commissioned works have already been researched. Could be used as a stepping stone rather than spending more time to interrogate.

Why the contribution is important

efficiency of government expenditure and datashare

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:06PM

Review of govt HR process

Support and invest in fostering new or improved government capabilities through motivated individual review of our HR process

Why the contribution is important

Increase skills to deliver better services

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:04PM

Open structured data standards for parliament.nz info

Publish parliament.nz info using open structured data standards

Why the contribution is important

Transparency

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:03PM

Co-design and collaboration training

Training people in the technologies of consensus and collaboration. democracy is not the whole answer . Minorities matter

Why the contribution is important

Everyone needs their voice heard

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:02PM

Cooperative problem solving

Changing the oppositional culture and systems of parliament to cooperative problem solving. People model the behaviour of leaders

Why the contribution is important

Public participation

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:01PM

Define the coalition rules for the formation of a govt

Define the coalition rules for the formation of a govt after the elections. To avoid delays in forming the govt. To avoid making compromises on policies for the new govt. To avoid "horse-trading". To pre-declare possible parties/alliances

Why the contribution is important

Transparency

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 12:00PM

multicultural strategy for all local governments

All local government to develop/adopt/implement a multicultural strategy

Why the contribution is important

For cultural competency, outer-culture awareness, treaty-based multi-culturalism

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:58AM

Redevelop current orientation of education

Redevelop current orientation of education. We have lots of data unused and many unemployed young or women

Why the contribution is important

Diversity and inclusion

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:55AM

ethnic migrant specialisation in Govt business development

Involve ethnic migrant specialisation in developing economic/business relationships for NZ with their respective countries of origin. E.g. NZTE to work with NZ-Indian business but not so much with other countries

Why the contribution is important

Equity of access and diversity and inclusion

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:54AM

Database of migrant specialists

Database of migrant specialists for developing socio-cultural business/trade relationships

Why the contribution is important

Equity of access

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:52AM

pooling of resources through co-creation

Show the pooling of resources/services that can create a more powerful outcome through co-creation. This could be done through regional to national sprint workshops of key stakeholders and advertising the concept of sharing through positive benefits rather than individual

Why the contribution is important

transparency and public participation

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:51AM

Common ticketing systems across the country

I use my card or phone to take the bus in Christchurch, then use it in Dunedin. Maybe a national entity for a ticketry, for bus first then link to other modes

Why the contribution is important

equitable access to systems

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:49AM

Open Education Resources supports local curriculum

Development of a sustainable process that develops the creation of Open Education Resources (OER) to support local curriculum. Our fantastic National Curriculum document encourages localisation. This increases connections locally, ownership of local issues and solutions and increased engagement with learning

Why the contribution is important

Our fantastic National Curriculum document encourages localisation. This increases connections locally, ownership of local issues and solutions and increased engagement with learning

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:47AM

National Curriculum include creative commons licenses

Embed the principles of creative commons licenses into the National Curriculum to preload young people with a mindset of openness. Part of this creates opportunities to create, share and openly increase content they create that supports SDG's

Why the contribution is important

Increased international linking, awareness and openness

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:45AM

Increased access to NZ Academic Journals

Consortia approach to all NZ academic journal subscriptions. Proactively supporting open access journals not publishers with DRM

Why the contribution is important

NZ spends millions on subscriptions to journals, the same journals with closed business practices and locked down information

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:44AM

teach data literacy

Data literacy needs to be taught at an early age because currently there is little understanding of format standards that can help when using data in other areas. For instance we teach capitals and 'I' and 't's, why not digital literacy and language and show stories of benefits of how they can have better outcomes

Why the contribution is important

Equity of access - without these skills citizens will be left behind

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:43AM

Resource sharing at national level

Resource sharing at national level

Why the contribution is important

Many resources are recreated or re-commissioned with public money that could be e.g. education use many resources

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:41AM

Library as community organised resource hub

Library as hub to community organised resource sharing for schools and institutions

Why the contribution is important

we don't need to buy items that we won't use once a year, we can share it. Equity of access

by on June 04, 2018 at 11:40AM

Let everybody have a voice

Everybody has to have the ability to have a voice because it effects their lives and future. Education campaigns around schools to adults story lines of how this may play out from action plan to how to submit or participate in the decision making. Pathway needs to be transparent

Why the contribution is important

Public engagement

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:38AM

Options for key processes not like the Census

Key document regulations like census need to be accessible to all because it was online this year people became anxious when not sure how to access without a computer.

Why the contribution is important

Didn't allow marginalised people who this was a barrier for some. Better outcome for census was produced when a group of people who were homeless were advised by completing they \would bring extra funding to city with health for every individual who completed.

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:31AM

One library card for all Nzers

One library card for all Nzers. Support of life long learning. Harness power of National Library and LIANZA to bring this to life

Why the contribution is important

Support of life long learning and increase accessibility for all New Zealanders

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:30AM

publish reports with the data used

All govt reports need to be published accompanied by the data used to generate the report

Why the contribution is important

It enables citizens to confirm that the evidence supports the proposed policy

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:28AM

A copyright Act that supports and encourages creativity

A copyright Act that supports and encourages creativity and idea sharing within NZ and is not driven by, or serves the interests of, big business and the entertainment sector (in USA)

Why the contribution is important

Creativity and innovation should not be suppressed

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:26AM

dashboard of project initiative platforms

Transparent dashboard of innovations/project initiative platforms for all of govt and NGOs being able to see the state of the Nation

Why the contribution is important

Currently silo units are working on similar work that could have better outcomes together or redeployed into other areas as already covered.

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:25AM

cross govt glossary to help people understand

We need a cross govt glossary (ontology) to help people understand govt processes, concepts etc. and begin to clarify and harmonise definitions

Why the contribution is important

Citizens are disempowered by jargon, terms of art and ambiguous language

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:24AM

standards for public engagement

Develop a common set of standards, tools and processes for public engagement that can be used by central, local govt and crown entities

Why the contribution is important

No one does this well. Agencies don't know how to do it well and many people don't know how they can engage

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:23AM

Connecting agencies through data

Connecting agencies through data - Many agencies that should share more closely and obtain data would be more likely to help people

Why the contribution is important

Better data and research and services

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:22AM

digital enablement

Leapfrog NZ resilience into accelerated growth by digital enablement

Reuse Government Licenses

Within the time frame of the next National Action Plan measure governments commitment to uptake NZ goal

Why the contribution is important

The purpose being to increase government commitment and cotribution of resources licensed for open reuse

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:20AM

accelerating social/economic/environmental instability requires flexible and rapid distributed resources that draws together the full resources of the country to respond to engagement opportunity or risk

by [ChristchurchWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:21AM

Digital Bill of Rights

NZ needs a Digital Bill of Rights. This means for:

Citizens: commitment to single source of truth/services/consultation

Govt: centralised register of initiatives, standards, resources and data

Business: register of procurement, open data resources

Why the contribution is important

transparency and integrity

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:08AM

AoG Consistent Keywords for Services

AoG keywords for services

- Google surfaces Govt sources for info

- Authoritive sources are visible

- The 'right' govt services are available to users

- Open access to data

Why the contribution is important

consistency, transparency and integrity

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:07AM

AoG standards accreditation body

NZ needs AoG standards accreditation body which would give:

- Mana and credibility to lead and mandate standards for openness

 Fighting clearance . Agencies will follow

- Teeth to enforce

- Expertise to lead

- Governance to report on conformance

Why the contribution is important

Increased standards and trust

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:05AM

AoG metadata standards

We need All of Government metadata standards for consistency and transparency

Why the contribution is important

It would enable cross-govt and cross-sector collaboration and wider sharing

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:03AM

local govt procurement cohesion

Cohesion of processes across local govt procurement

Why the contribution is important

So integrity/transparency is maximised

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 11:02AM

more enforcement of information regulations

Better/more enforcement of information regulations, especially regarding access, creation, maintain ace and disposal.

Why the contribution is important

It holds govt to account and give teeth to IM - IM eco-system not well funded or understood

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:59AM

'whole of govt' system to track people's information

Introduce a 'whole of govt' system to track people's information and interactions with govt agencies (incl. local govt)

Why the contribution is important

Transparency

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:58AM

All govt consultations ideas need to be centrally registered

All govt consultations ideas need to be centrally registered well ahead of time

Why the contribution is important

Then people can have time to engage and won't feel rushed

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:57AM

Fast track online voting

Fast track online voting to encourage people to vote and increase overall voting numbers

Why the contribution is important

Increase participation in democracy

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:56AM

Work out what people want to know

Work out what people want to know. Too much information is not accessible. Talk to people. Actually consult with people not drown them in information they don't want and cant use.

Why the contribution is important

Official information and transparency

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:53AM

social integration

With more and more migrants, Nzers and migrants must understand what's involved in the process of social integration

Why the contribution is important

Lack of social integration leads to social isolation, racism and lack of participation in democracy

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:51AM

open information publishing lifecycle

Build long term preservation and access into the open information publishing lifecycle

Why the contribution is important

People will need access to the data behind historical decisions, policies and actions

by WellingtonWorkshop on June 04, 2018 at 10:49AM

include citizens

People are part of decisions that impact them

Why the contribution is important

Most often the people govt is trying t help know exactly what they need

by WellingtonWorkshop on June 04, 2018 at 10:48AM

Iwi/Maori are engaged at ALL stages

Ensure Iwi/Maori are engaged at ALL stages along the way in govt policy development

Why the contribution is important

This is central to NZ - good Iwi/Maori engagement will produce better results and wellbeing for all

by WellingtonWorkshop on June 04, 2018 at 10:47AM

Co-ordinate engagement between govt agencies

Co-ordinate engagement between govt agencies to make sure insights being shared

People/communities get sick of being asked the same things

by WellingtonWorkshop on June 04, 2018 at 10:46AM

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Reward disengaged people to encourage them to participate

Reward ($$ and credits) people and groups who currently are disengaged with govt and find it difficult to engage. Incentivise them to take part or pay to overcome barriers like travel or childcare costs.

Why the contribution is important

The NZ system is better with *everyone* engaged

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:45AM

Track metrics for consultations

Track metrics for consultations e.g. time consulted on. There should be some measures and standards of what is acceptable so it isn't lip service.

Why the contribution is important

Public Participation

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:43AM

work more collaboratively with the opposition

Agencies to work more collaboratively with the opposition to reduce workload and increase transparency

Why the contribution is important

increase transparency

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:31AM

Support for the private sector to be transparent

Support for the private sector to be transparent not just about the data they collect and use but what the outcomes of this use is

Why the contribution is important

increasing transparency in NZ

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:30AM

Single portal for govt consultation on policy development

Single portal for govt consultation on policy development. Make it easy for the public to take part.

Why the contribution is important

public participation and transparency

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:29AM

Publicize an open system introduced by an agencies

Publicize an open system introduced by an agencies - when it actually happens - then share best practice.

Why the contribution is impor

tant

This practice encourages others to follow on it

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Briefing schedules for ministers to be posted on beehive website

Briefing schedules for ministers to be posted on beehive website. People can see discussions and make targeted information requests

Why the contribution is important

Transparency

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:13AM

accurate forecasting

Make sure that research ensures accurate forecasting to allow for planning

Why the contribution is important

access to good data

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:11AM

Organisation to be open first

Most organisations are working on silo, which is detrimental to openness

Why the contribution is important

Transparency and openness

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:10AM

safe cross agency information share

Establish safe and fair ways agencies can share information across agencies to aggregate effort and enable co-design

Why the contribution is important

transparency

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:09AM

all meeting minutes online

Encourage all entities to put meeting minutes online. Could include who does as part of Ombudsman OIA regular report so all is in one place

Why the contribution is important

transparency and official information good practice

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:05AM

stocktake of open and transparent processes

Do a stocktake of which entities and NGOS have open and transparent processes and ask those who do for feedback on best practice.

Why the contribution is important

Leads to transparency and check on any issues

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:04AM

CEs and Senior officials are more transparent

Incentivise public sector CEs or senior officials to be more transparent so they will lead this (otherwise they can be reluctant_

Why the contribution is important

we need more transparency

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 10:00AM

Transparency between agencies

Transparency between agencies

Why the contribution is important

Otherwise not possible to tell the public what is going on

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:58AM

PM Explanatory Videos for Public

Roll out approach by PM of posting short, engaging video explanations of what she does and processes on Facebook for CEs and staff

Why the contribution is important

This demystifies govt for every day people and translates it into other languages

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:56AM

Minimum readability standards

Minimum readability standards for all govt information

Why the contribution is important

People need to understand everything!

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:55AM

Legislation for dummies

Legislation for dummies - short and easy to digest summaries of legislation to help the general public understand what they mean

Why the contribution is important

Accessibility, openness and open language

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:54AM

Financial literacy

Financial literacy to all society groups so that wealth can be maximised particularly for lower sophistication groups

Why the contribution is important

???access to services

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:52AM

Equitable acc Work with CAB to connect with people with no internet

How will government find ways to reach people who don't/can't access the internet - should they work with Citizen Advice Bureaus

Why the contribution is important

Equitable access to services

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:51AM

"Open by default"

"Open by default" is a public service principle which is rewarded and demonstrated

Why the contribution is important

An open public service is a more trusted one and it is also better

for public service

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:48AM

proactive release

Mandate proactive release of all ministerial docs

Why the contribution is important

Increase transparency and openness in government

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:47AM

More digitisation of current records and archives

More digitisation of current records and archives and on good platforms to make them easily discoverable and easy to use

Why the contribution is important

This can increase transparency and engagement in social history and current govt policies

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:45AM

Transparency of Internal Policies

There needs to be transparency of internal policies- agencies should mandated to make all internal policies publicly available as these rules are used to run the business and make decisions.

Why the contribution is important

Transparency is important

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:38AM

OPeness of publicly funded research

open-ness of publicly funded research - GETS DATA INTO ECONOMY. Publish it so it can be used - we pay for it but it is kept by agencies and not released,

Why the contribution is important

 GETS DATA INTO ECONOMY. Citizen re-use . Value add on investment. Re use by govt. We pay for it

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:42AM

Publish research and evaluation

Publish research and evaluation rather than not finalise it so it can sit in draft so it doesn't have to be released. Gaming the system.

Why the contribution is important

The public need to know the reason behind decisions made

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:31AM

Publish decision documents proactively

Publish decision documents (cabinet and agency docs) by default, because people want to see transparency in action

Why the contribution is important

NZ needs transparency

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:29AM

Publishing research/evaluations as default

Publishing research/evaluations as default - publishing suds that allow for information to be available. A lot of government evaluation is taken to draft and never finalised, particularly if the results are bad.

Why the contribution is important

Open government, being open with information

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:27AM

Get rid of Crown copyright

Get rid of Crown copyright (and apply the change retroactively)

Why the contribution is important

Crown copyright is anti-ethical to the open govt ethos

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:25AM

Mandate Te Reo for the public service

Mandate Te Reo inclusion in the public service so that all employees respect and understand basics

Why the contribution is important

Public is not being inclusive or promoring equitable access

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:22AM

Increase the capability of public libraries

Increase the capability and capacity of public libraries to help their communities interact with govt

Why the contribution is important

Libraries are crucial facilitators for enabling govt interaction, but they are always being asked to do more with less

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:15AM

All of Govt IM Training for all public servants

AoG training for public servants on IM

Why the contribution is important

Public servants do not always understand the importance of creating and maintaining records of what they do and the impact this has on transparency, accountability and the rights and entitlements of Nzers

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:13AM

Public Involvement and an Open wellbeing budget 2019

A True Wellbeing Budget would have public participation. Govt needs to include the public in the budget preparation and decision making.

Why the contribution is important

The Budget drives govt funding and policy so the public needs to influence budget - public involvement in decision-making process early is important

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:08AM

Geospatial budget

We need a geospatial budget

Why the contribution is important

Can't assume money needs to spent the same way in different places

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Resource open govt

Resource open govt e.g. having open govt teams within agencies

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Why the contribution is important

otherwise there is no time or will to create change

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Information Management - creation to disposal

A better understanding of how effectively govt agencies are managing their information from creation to disposal

Why the contribution is important

The independent chief archivist is developing a monitoring framework for this

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 04, 2018 at 09:02AM

Engaging rural communities

Engaging rural communities

Why the contribution is important

Not all are engaged/informed yet but would have great ideas

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involve people in early decision-making policy/legislation

Use engaging methods to involve people in early decision-making policy/legislation

Why the contribution is important

Public participation in democracy is crucial

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:52PM

Support NZ network of OGP

Support and diversify the NZ network of OGP champions

Why the contribution is important

We need to support civic society

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:50PM

More young people involved

More young people involved in discussions like this

Why the contribution is important

NZ belongs to them

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:50PM

Different ways for old policy problems

Policy and decision making processes for C21st issues.

Why the contribution is important

Wicked problems can't be solved using conventional approaches such as expert groups and royal commission. Research from social sciences point towards alternatives. Govt start experimenting with these on real issues

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:49PM

Teach Te Reo at schools

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Why the contribution is important

It's NZ's national language and a second language helps brains

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Diversity paid in governance boards and management

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Why the contribution is important

Ethnic, women, age variety and disability. Start including these voices from school age

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:45PM

Engage with ethnic and disabled communities

Engage with ethnic and disabled communities and CSD representatives on previous consultations for actions and develop plan to complete framework

Why the contribution is important

Be more inclusive for public participation

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:44PM

Digitize all historic Gazettes (pre-1999)

A lot of historic information is only available in the old hard copies

Why the contribution is important

Open data and official information - access to information.

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:40PM

digital-based society and ageing workforce

Ageing workforce needs to be taken into consideration in an increasing digital-based society. They may end up being excluded like the Census.

Why the contribution is important

Their knowledge is worth retaining

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:39PM

Publish Report of employment conversation by Human Rights commission - NEON.org.nz 2 year programme

Report of employment conversation by Human Rights commission - NEON.org.nz 2 year programme

Why the contribution is important

Open data and Transparency

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:37PM

Remove all Crown copyright and apply it retrospectively

Remove all Crown copyright and apply it retrospectively

Why the contribution is important

So that everyone can re-use this valuable information

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:36PM

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Election process plus training plus database for nominations plus open calls

Election process plus training plus database for nominations plus open calls - to ensure a diversity of representation and good public participation.

Why the contribution is important

diversity of representation and good public participation.

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:35PM

Paid advisory panels

Paid advisory panels - government expects to consult all day but community has to take a day off or do it for free. It needs to be valued.

Why the contribution is important

public participation

by WellingtonWorkshop on June 03, 2018 at 10:33PM

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citizenship education to increase democratic participation

 Introduce citizenship education to increase democratic participation

Why the contribution is important

Not enough Nzers understand how they fit into NZ's political system and therefore don't participate, meaning the level of voting in elections is too low.

by WellingtonWorkshop on June 03, 2018 at 10:32PM

Build more diverse pool for boards and work roles

Build more diverse pool for boards and work roles

Why the contribution is important

Diveristy and equitable access

by WellingtonWorkshop on June 03, 2018 at 10:31PM

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Govt preapproved procurement for digital engagement tools

Govt preapproved procurement for digital engagement tools e.g. citizen space

Why the contribution is important

Current blockage getting through IT procurement

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:30PM

Implement Minister Turia recommendations from disability coalition

Implement recommendations from disability coalition consult review under Minister Turia. There needs to be a re-employment review via Neon

Why the contribution is important

The disability sector needs strengthening for equity of access.

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:28PM

Governance history training, sports leadership

Governance history training, sports leadership

Why the contribution is important

Government needs to build up every area in society

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:24PM

budget interactive website

Budget: visually show the budget on an interactive website (info-graphical style)

Why the contribution is important

be more open andengaging and let the public interact

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:23PM

Polytechnics not university

Less focus on getting students into university. Polytechnics where they can learn

Why the contribution is important

After 5-6 years of uni a job is not guaranteed

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:20PM

Legislate govt consultation process

Legislate govt consultation process

Why the contribution is important

Inconsistent and poor consultation on plans, policies, strategies etc.

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:19PM

Legislation for agencies to access other agencies data

Legislation for agencies to access other agencies data to help their operation and save money

Why the contribution is important

Some agencies rely on other agencies data to do some work. But they don't have the mandate to get the data

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:18PM

Impact of Volunteering measured officially

Volunteers are recognised as part of GDP or other official measures

Why the contribution is important

Being open about impact

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:07PM

Legislation needs to have information impact analysis

Legislation needs to have an impact analysis which gives reasons for

1. Withholding information

2.Not publishing information

3. Restricting public access

Why the contribution is important

Official information needs to facilitate public inclusion

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:05PM

Put the open data policy on a statutory footing

Make the open data policy legislation.

Why the contribution is important

Several years experience shows the 'direct, encourage, invite' policy has not resulted in publication by default. Statutory backing would result in increased access.

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:03PM

Mandatory standards around metadata

Mandatory standards around metadata (issued by the chief archivist) will improve issues with the creation, mgmt., disposal/presentation of govt information

Why the contribution is important

Data should be similar quality that we can use and trust

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:02PM

fund representative civil society body

Work to support and fund representative civil society body that can help coordinate civil society feedback

Why the contribution is important

Many NGOs have been silenced by contract conditions and need to overcome fear of speaking out

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by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 10:00PM

open data by default - actually do it

It should be legislated that governments open/publish any non-sensitive data they hold. Even though open data policy says government should open data by default, there are still lots of agencies which are not so confident to do so.

Why the contribution is important

we need to be open

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 09:58PM

standard for financial information

There should be a standard for the government to publish their financial/non financial information. Currently, they just name things whatever they want

Why the contribution is important

It's hard for citizens to understand or compare the performance of different agencies

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 09:57PM

partnership is needed

Understanding all communities is too big for govt alone.

Why the contribution is important

Really need to build trusting partnership with range of organisations

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 09:55PM

Champion the rights of registered charities to advocacy

Champion the rights of registered charities to advocacy

Why the contribution is important

Charities know their local communities best

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 09:53PM

Freely accessible information

Make all sources of data available . Format in plan English and make it freely accessible

Why the contribution is important

Too much money is spent on media OIA requests

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 09:53PM

govt information map

Can we have a map of which govt information is where?

Why the contribution is important

official information

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 09:51PM

Make govt data available in useable forms

Make govt data available in ways that enable machine analysts manipulation of it

Why the contribution is important

So that people can use the data in transformative ways

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 09:50PM

Increase Archives NZ funding for digitalisation of government records

Increase funding for digitalisation of government records held at Archives NZ

Why the contribution is important

To increase across to information

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 09:49PM

digital rights

Every citizen knows their rights to access their personal info and limit others use of it.

Why the contribution is important

Agencies should be responsive, respectful

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 09:46PM

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Non personal information is licensed internationally

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Why the contribution is important

People and systems are now international

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 09:45PM

engaging public education

There is engaging public education about how decisions are made in govt so people can participate and are engaged

Why the contribution is important

The public should be able to participate in decision making

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 09:44PM

Govt information is open by default

Ensure all information is open by default, unless legislation prohibits sharing the specific information

Why the contribution is important

Government agencies are risk averse and don't share information to protect their agency

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 09:42PM

Traceable Contractor Number

Contractors. All central and local govt contracts to have a specific contractor no. and be traceable

Why the contribution is important

Anticorruption and jobs for the boys

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 09:40PM

Democratic deficit

Democratic deficit. People don't understand govt vs. govt doesn't understand people. Both are assumptions needing research

Why the contribution is important

Govt needs to listen and employee more diverse staff, also include social science input

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 07:06PM

Remove gagging clauses in govt agency contracts with NGOs

Government should remove gagging clauses in govt agency contracts with NGOs

Why the contribution is important

Civil society voice is weakened by them, impoverishing the policy debate. Need to increase quality of participation in policy

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 07:05PM

Local Govt Commit to OGP

Local govt needs to have commitment in the Open Government Action Plan to OGP

Why the contribution is important

We need more transparency and openness in local government as well as central government,

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 06:59PM

JDs that value lived experience

JDs need to explicitly value lived experience relevant to roles. E.g. disability for social service engagement

Why the contribution is important

More inclusive society and improved diversity

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 06:55PM

Strengthening Civil Society for Refugees

Community centre offering support for new immigrant/refugees. Get govt agencies representatives to have presentations

Why the contribution is important

More help is needed is settling in!

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 06:50PM

Review GETS Against International Open Contracting Standard

Review GETS against the international Open Contracting standard. Remove requirement tot register to read tender docs. Proactively publish all awarded contracts

Why the contribution is important

This will improve accountability of govt spending by increasing access into information

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 05:31PM

Transparent ownership of land, companies and trusts

Have more publicly available information and registers so we have transparent ownership of land and companies and trusts etc.

Why the contribution is important

Minimise corruption often 'owned' by proxies, lawyers and accountants for true owners

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 05:28PM

an interactive website to teach about government

Learning about govt is important for everyone. Government should create an interactive and engaging (to all ages) website

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Why the contribution is important

It is important for Government to teach all about how govt operates and how you can be involved

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 05:24PM

public register of beneficial owners of financial assets

Extend the scope of a public register of beneficial owners of financial assets so everyone can see who owns what.

Why the contribution is important

To eliminate money laundering

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 05:21PM

online political issues space for young people

Children and young people (millennials) have an online space for young people to have a voice on different topics effecting them which are in the hands of government

Why the contribution is important

Young people need to be able in decisionmaking.

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 05:19PM

Clearer Public Information for Select Committee

Clear, simple information is provided about Bills and policy development so everyone can submit to select committee

Why the contribution is important

Clearer information for greater public engagement

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 05:16PM

Plain English summaries of Bills before Select Committee

Plain English summaries of Bills before Select Committee

Why the contribution is important

More more open and inclusive in government communication

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 05:13PM

Government documents in plain English

Government documents are difficult to read and they are often written badly. We need to produce plain English publications reports and information on government which is understandable, simple, accessible and consistent

Why the contribution is important

Be More Open and Accessible in Our Language

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 05:09PM

Honour the Sustainable Development Goals

Create as advised a minister for the Sustainable Development goals. Align these goals and NZ! PROGRESS AGAINST THEM

Why the contribution is important

So we play our part in meeting our obligations

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 05:07PM

Plain Kiwi (English)

Plain Kiwi (English). There is a large population with English as a second language; also even when English is a first language simple is easier

Why the contribution is important

Plain Kiwi (English) is more accessible for those who have English as a second language

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 05:05PM

All NZ school children visit parliament

All school children to visit parliament by secondary school funded tours

Why the contribution is important

To understand the function and processes for greater future participation in democracy

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 05:02PM

include citizens

People/citizens need to deliver a service to govt including participation in govt service/policy design

Why the contribution is important

public inclusion is important

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 05:00PM

Audit agencies compliance with s22 of OIA

Audit agencies compliance with s22 of OIA and recommend improvements

Why the contribution is important

Agency publication of internal rules, policies and guidance is patchy, publication aids accountability and participation

Amend OIA 1982 S6

Amend OIA 1982 S6 withholding grounds to be made subject to a public interest

Why the contribution is important

Eliminate lies and complicity in international crime

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 04:27PM

Make the OIA process more understandable and transparent

We need to make the OIA process more understandable and transparent

Why the contribution is important

Nzers don't trust it or know how it should work

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 04:26PM

OIA Mandatory Reporting

Manadatory Reporting for all OIAs

Why the contribution is important

The Official Information Act should be broadened to be more open.

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 04:25PM

Make Changes to the OIA

Amend the OIA to:

- add a public interest test to section 6

- Remove eligibility test in section 12

- Bring OAG and ombudsman into scope of OIA

- Make OIA not relying on Ombudsman Act

Why the contribution is important

OIA needs strengthening to improve participation

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 04:22PM

Publish evidence for Policy

Publish the evidence being used to determine government policy

Why the contribution is important

To support transparency and enable critique

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 04:18PM

Release Proactively

You don't know what to ask for if you don't know it exists. If everything is proactively released there will be much fewer requests

Why the contribution is important

Government needs to be more open

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 04:15PM

Review the OIA

Recommit the govt to review the OIA act

Why the contribution is important

Public trust and confidence is declining in this domain

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 04:03PM

Involve beneficiaries advocate groups

Involve beneficiaries advocate groups before publishing pamphlets etc on work and income benefits

Why the contribution is important

Co-creation leads to better outcomes

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 03:59PM

Standards for Official Translations

Standards and requirements for official translations of important documents/resources. Some translations of the road code are unofficial/not endorsed by NZTA. Could be crowd-sourced then reviewed by agency?

Why the contribution is important

Information needs to be accessible/understandable by all

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 03:55PM

algorithmic impact analysis

Implement an algorithmic impact analysis including the chance for public input on the ethics of using them as well as be more open with the public about the algorithms were made up of.

Why the contribution is important

Open data and open data rules - the people need to know

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 03:49PM

Diversity in design

Govt needs to commit to resourcing process to involve diverse range of people to design services

Why the contribution is important

Public participation, equity of access and diversity and inclusion are important

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 03:46PM

Build Civil Society

Enable civil society to build the tools and services they need to deliver to their specific needs. Government could help them build a platform

Why the contribution is important

public participation is key to OGP and democracy

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 03, 2018 at 03:43PM

Community participation

Community led development approach turns power base around but may also be financially beneficial

Why the contribution is important

Civic engagement is important

by [OGPNewZealand](#) on June 03, 2018 at 03:29PM

Enact the recommendations of the WAI 262 report

Seven years have passed since the Waitangi Tribunal report was released. https://www.waitangitribunal.govt.nz/news/ko-aotearoa-tenei-report-on-the-wai-262-claim-released/

It is past time that the government responded. Enacting the proposed legislation would guarantee a proper mechanism to develop the partnership between Māori and Crown to one of partnership. This would provide NZ with one of the important bases allowing the relationship to move from a colonial context to a partnership context. In particular it would make improvements to the conditions under which Māori cultural property is held in government institutions.

Ko Aotearoa Tēnei recommends reform of laws, policies or practices relating to health, education, science, intellectual property, indigenous flora and fauna, resource management, conservation, the Māori language, arts and culture, heritage, and the involvement of Māori in the development of New Zealand's positions on international instruments affecting indigenous rights. These recommendations include law changes and the establishment of new partnership bodies in several of these areas.

Why the contribution is important

Adopting the recommendations would substantially open the government to Māori in some very important ways.

by [JanR](#) on June 02, 2018 at 10:43PM

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oo strong on our tech focus

If we are too strong on our tech focus realise then many can't engage! E.g. census. We need equitable access to services.

Why the contribution is important

Equitable focus

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 05:20PM

Algorithmic impact assessment

Algorithmic impact assessment could help us understand what algorithms are being used and how they work

Why the contribution is important

Data and data rules should be open

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 05:18PM

equal access to resources

Children born in rich families have better access to technology, knowledge and low income kids struggle to keep up (e.g. homework, study, assignments)

Why the contribution is important

There should be equality of access in NZ

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 05:16PM

Govt digital services for the people

Govt digital services need to be designed to delivered around the needs of people, families and communities/society

Why the contribution is important

More efficient and effective government

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 05:14PM

accountable algorithms

We should have accountable algorithms, transparency is one tool among many to ensure this

Why the contribution is important

NZ Government should be open and transparent

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 05:12PM

Open process

Often policies are developed without direct involvement of affected communities in a closed process.

Why the contribution is important

An open process would allow stakeholders to validate assumptions and co-create for purpose policy and services

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 05:11PM

Making govt rules available as open code

Making govt rules available as open code (machine readable and consumable to help people to understand their rights and obligations

Why the contribution is important

Open data will help people to understand their rights and obliga

civic engagement hubs

We should have civic engagement hubs for people to access info and support to engage with govt

Why the contribution is important

There should be equitable access to services

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 05:07PM

Improve infrastructure for equal access

We should improve infrastructure to enable reach and access. E.g. broadband in rural areas

Why the contribution is important

There should be equitable access to services

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 05:05PM

Openly documenting the logic behind rulesets

Openly documenting the logic behind rulesets

Why the contribution is important

Government data and data use should be open

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 05:03PM

equal access to physical and digital services

Goal: people in neighbourhoods and communities have access to physical and digital services. Local govt provide community hubs and navigation to help those to access at home

Why the contribution is important

Service access should be equitable

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 05:01PM

Service Design

Govt needs to understand people better. In their context, family, community, society. Use service design

Why the contribution is important

The public needs to be included in the design of services and policy

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 04:59PM

Co-Design

Speed up the response time of policy/legislation by co-designing with multi-disciplinary teams and impacted people. Use legislation as code to model scenario test and real time feedback from systems

Why the contribution is important

The public should be given the opportunity to design services and create Policy

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 04:57PM

Open Source for Govt Code

Govt code should be open source. This improves quality, is verifiable , no black boxes. Make sure contracts enable this

Why the contribution is important

Government data should be open data.

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 04:55PM

understanding decision making

Technology gives us the tools to improve people's lives on scale, but to do this for the benefit of New Zealanders, we need to be open and understand how decisions are made

Why the contribution is important

New Zealand Government should be transparent on how it makes decisions.

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 04:52PM

Useful Acountability Documents

Most annual reports nowadays are flashy, but it's hard to

analyse the information in the reports - 300+ pages! Nobody reads them all. They should be accessible and useful!

Why the contribution is important

Data should be accessible

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 04:50P

criteria for decisions made by machines

Establishing criteria and process for what decisions can be made by machines and processes for challenging them

Why the contribution is important

It should be open how data decisions are made

by WellingtonWorkshop on June 01, 2018 at 04:48PM

accountability mechanisms for machine learning algorithms

We need to work out accountability mechanisms for machine learning algorithms that aren't and can't be transparent

Why the contribution is important

Algorithms used by Government should be open

by WellingtonWorkshop on June 01, 2018 at 04:44PM

Rules for algorithms

As we increasingly rely on formulae for entitlements, as well as rule dependencies for compliance, there should be an authoritative source so that algorithms can be specified correctly

Why the contribution is important

It should be open the underlying rules for data decision making

by WellingtonWorkshop on June 01, 2018 at 04:42PM

automated decision making

NZ Public should have the right to choose whether they are subject to automated decision making. Government should be clear when the information is being used and how.

Why the contribution is important

Transparency, and rights of citizens

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 04:15PM

all govt rules available as 'open data'

all govt rules available as 'open data', legislation/regs operational policy as machine consumable

Why the contribution is important

Government data should be open and accessible

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 04:05PM

Use open bug databases

Open bug databases for open source systems

Why the contribution is important

This will make data more easy to use and more accessible

by [WellingtonWorkshop](#) on June 01, 2018 at 03:54PM

Understanding how decisions are made

Help people to understand how decisions are made that affect them. Open to transparent/tracible and reusable rules of govt

Why the contribution is important

Promotes transparency and accountability

by [OGPNewZealand](#) on June 01, 2018 at 03:42PM

Expand the all of government consultations listing

An expanded consultations listing (https://www.govt.nz/browse/engaging-with-government/consultations-have-your-say/consultations-listing/) can be used as a mechanism to track and measure indicators of quality (eg consultation time period, readability).

This would be done through the creation of a public consultation standard (work on this has already been started by DIA), which would provide a consistent method of data capture.

Opening this data up via an API will enable the list to be automated and also to be reused by anyone who wants to analyse or share the consultations.

Expanding the data collected to include upcoming/planned engagements will give the public and different interest groups more time to engage. It also helps the public service see what is happening across the sectors, which could encourage collaboration between engaging with the same or similar audiences.

Why the contribution is important

Quality public engagement is a cornerstone of good policy and service design. Transparency across the engagements government is having is essential to keep the system accountable. Currently, there is no reliable view of all the consultations and engagements being done by government, and no measure of their quality is. To make sure any intervention or programme for improvement could be measured for it's success, the system itself needs to be tracked.

There is also great opportunity to improve transparency across the system with the consistent capture of an extended set of metadata with a public consultation standard, and the reuse of the consultations data via the API.

An extra benefit is an improvement to the co-ordination across government and the ability of the public to be notified of planned engagements before they're made official. Allowing more time for people to engage is a major pain point in the current system.

by [vicwray](#) on May 31, 2018 at 06:07PM

Engage people in decision-making

Use engaging methods to involve people in early decision-making policy/legislation

Why the contribution is important

by [Wellington_Workshop](#) on May 31, 2018 at 03:46PM

Recognise social enterprises

Social enterprises - recognition, support, funding, legislate

Why the contribution is important

by [Wellington_Workshop](#) on May 31, 2018 at 03:46PM

Prioritise infrastructure planning

Infrastructure planning is prioritised to reduce

Why the contribution is important

Climate change impacts transport decisions

by [Wellington_Workshop](#) on May 31, 2018 at 03:45PM

Support for access to government services

Every person with complex, multi-dimensional needs should have a connector/support person to help them navigate govt services.

Why the contribution is important

It is very difficult for many kiwis to access the services they need (because govt is difficult to navigate

by [Wellington_Workshop](#) on May 31, 2018 at 03:44PM

Better rehabilitation

We need better rehabilitation prevention and support measures for those at risk of committing crime and those who have been in prison.

Why the contribution is important

It costs taxpayers $100,000/yr. per prisoner and it is cheaper and more effective to invest in preventing offending and re-offending than overcrowd prisons

by [Wellington_Workshop](#) on May 31, 2018 at 03:43PM

Treat addiction as health issue

Addiction should be treated as a health issue, not a criminal issue.

Why the contribution is important

It disproportionately affects people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds and perpetuates the cycle of poverty (and costs govt/taxpayer a lot more to imprison someone than to give them support/treatment

by [Wellington_Workshop](#) on May 31, 2018 at 03:43PM

Add MOUs and delegations to legislation.govt.nz

Add MOUs, delegations etc. to either legislation.govt.nz or another central portal - build on existing progress with secondary legislation

Why the contribution is important

These sub-legislative instruments are key to implementing the law and increasing access to this information. This will aid accountability and participation

by [Wellington_Workshop](#) on May 31, 2018 at 03:42PM

Capability for Communities

Provide practical modules online perhaps use To Ara to educate children and immigrants on basics of constitution

Why the contribution is important

Informs focus on immigrants in their language e.g. videos with

basic information on their experiences dealing with govt and local

govt e.g. with practical info-bond rates, setting up Real Me etc.

by [Wellington_Workshop1](#) on May 31, 2018 at 03:35PM

Accessibility

Making sure material is accessible to a range of people, especially those with disabilities and literacy issues

Why the contribution is important

by [Wellington_Workshop1](#) on May 31, 2018 at 03:29PM

Meaningful Engagement

If we say we are in partnership than all partners feel involved

Why the contribution is important

Communities can become disheartened if they're not involved

by [Wellington_Workshop1](#) on May 31, 2018 at 03:22PM

Accountability Information

Extend the information about organisational accountability information on the [Govt.nz A-Z of government agencies.](#) This is information that helps people know which agency they can contact when they're taking a complaint, also what that agency can do (eg prosecute, review etc).

This work would need to be done in collaboration with the Office of the Auditor General based on the work they have done and reported on http://oag.govt.nz/2016/accountability

Govt.nz is recognised by the OAG as an ideal platform as they have said:

"To be useful, this information needs to be kept up to date and in a user-friendly format. … [on a website] that aims to make it easier for people to understand and find government agencies."

Why the contribution is important

People have to do all the hard work finding and understanding what they're able to do when something goes wrong for them. Not all accountability information is published, and when it is published, it can be hard for the general public to understand it.

It is critical that there is transparency across the system about what people can do and who they can complain to or ask for a review.

by vicwray on May 31, 2018 at 11:36AM

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Planning and Sustainability

Sustainability needs to be our core foundation because short interim solutions with no forward thinking leads to a crossroad where the journey becomes stagnate

Why the contribution is important

Explain, educate, reinforce sustainability as a key outcome and show what that may look like through collaboration

by Christchurch Workshop on May 31, 2018 at 11:35AM

Diversity

ovt needs to be better at listening to, understanding and responding to different perspectives

Why the contribution is important

If we don't we loose the possibilities that come out of diversity. If we don't we won't reach and meet the needs of all citizens

by [Christchurch Workshop](#) on May 31, 2018 at 11:34AM

Accuracy of NIWA Data for the NZ Temperature Record

NIWA should have a formal internationally accepted NZ Temperature record with has known standards and model which is peer reviewed and tested with independent international analysis. The research should follow best practice and academic protocols so the results can be trusted. They should be open to discussion and challenge from the public and transparent about their decision making.

Government policy should not be based on doubtful climate data which can't be validated.

Currently there is no transparency in the way NIWA calculates the de facto NZ Temperature Record. While NIWA contends there is no official temperature record, they collect data through the 7 Station Series (7SS). These data are used to underpin government policy on climate change as this is deemed the baseline from which any deviation is a rise or fall of temperature in New Zealand. NIWA data are not peer reviewed and cannot be replicated as is standard scientific practice. Other scientists have run the same raw data and found a significantly different temperature trend over the past 100 years. (De Freitas, Dedekind & Brill, in 2015 analysed the same data using the correction methods NIWA claim they use, only +0.28 degrees in the last 100 years in comparison with NIWA's estimate of +0.91 degrees).

Such a wide discrepancy between modest and beneficial warming and verging on detrimental effects should be resolved in an open and cooperative manner.

NIWA will not discuss, meet or indulge in any challenge to their data outside of government even with technical, experts from the private sector.. There is no standard for the de facto NZ Temperature Record, there is no public

engagement and there is no transparency for the data which underpin significant environmental policy decisions.

Why the contribution is important

The NZ temperature record is the basis from which government departments assess projections re temperature rise and or other criteria in the future. We need to be able to implicitly trust the validity of government data and research and should follow well accepted scientific conventions. Research which is the basis of policy and decision making implicating billions of dollars implications for the economy and the balance sheet, should be sound, transparent and able to stand rigorous testing and independent peer review. Scientists outside of NIWA have no rights to be heard or to have their alternate view considered which is against the principles of open government. Government data should be transparent and government agencies should engage with the public.

by [Arthur](#) on May 31, 2018 at 09:51AM

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Civics education

Nationalism, what does this mean because at the moment. NZ seems very divided. What does it mean to be a Nzer in 2018?

Why the contribution is important

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:59PM

Future Planning

We need transformative policies and plans that are values based

Why the contribution is important

Current plans and policies don't mean anything to us

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:58PM

Diversity in decision making

Govt policy-makers need to engage with communities as key stakeholders

Why the contribution is important

When developing briefings, memos, policy or legislation there is little evidence of lived experience

by [Auckland Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:58PM

Digital accessibility

I want my children to be digital-able and included in what govt decisions are about

Why the contribution is important

by [Auckland Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:57PM

Digital tools for decision-making

Use of tools like Polis public

Why the contribution is important

Conversations should be open and transparent

by [Auckland Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:57PM

Rate interactions with government

Use technologies like trip advisor to rate interactions with govt angencies

Why the contribution is important

No accountability

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:56PM

Use crowd technologies

Have a large scale conversation using crowd technologies to build consensus

Why the contribution is important

Too few are participating

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:55PM

Participation in governance

Govt needs to share power and control

Why the contribution is important

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:55PM

Future Planning

We need to find ways to harness collective brainpower

Why the contribution is important

Govts don't have all the answers

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:54PM

Online voting

We need online voting

Why the contribution is important

Voter participation is too low

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:54PM

Access to Technology

Greater use of citizen tech

Why the contribution is important

We need to measure impact of community participation

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:53PM

Sustainability

Green business and re-cycle & enviroment wate management plan for future

Why the contribution is important

There is not a clear plan in place

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:53PM

Recycling

Waste recycling plant is important

Why the contribution is important

Currently we have a plastic fantastic (not) space! Think green, clean NZ. What does this look like?

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:52PM

Education

All types of education should be accessible

Why the contribution is important

Not everyone is willing/ready fror the public system

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:51PM

Civics education

Everyone should be educated in civics

Why the contribution is important

People don't know how many ways govt impacts their lives

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:50PM

Living wage

Living wage is important

Why the contribution is important

Wages don't match the high living standards

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:50PM

Diversity in education

Trades training for Maori and pacific communities to facilitate

Why the contribution is important

Currently held by TEO's. Iwi and pacific community funded

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:49PM

Diversity in work

Mana Wahine women in work, generational inclusion of young women for specific regions

Why the contribution is important

60% Maori women are occupying Wiri prison. Pacific 13%, is rising

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:49PM

Diversity in decision making

Needs more worker participation

Why the contribution is important

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:48PM

Future Planning

Generational success planning for creating new jobs

Why the contribution is important

There is not a plan in place that is looking at this

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:48PM

Transparency

Govt needs to be transparent about what has failed

Why the contribution is important

tax-payers are paying for the same mistakes

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:47PM

Access to Data

Govt data needs to be accessible

Why the contribution is important

Currently the public lacks the knowledge on how to do this easily

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:43PM

Diversity in governance

Inclusion strategies when appointing leadership governance roles

Why the contribution is important

Decision making is made by the same group of people

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:42PM

Reach into Diverse Communities

Partnership with groups that have reach into diverse communities

Why the contribution is important

Not representative

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:40PM

Cultural diversity

Value of cultural diversity is important

Why the contribution is important

NZ is a multicultural society. How do you value diversity or create a platform for diverse voice to come through

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:39PM

Gender equality

Gender equality is important

Why the contribution is important

Currently we have a hugely unequal gender representation at the decision making table. Women, youth and children's voices are marginalised

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:39PM

Engagement framework

We need an engagement performance framework

Why the contribution is important

Engagement is ad hoc and varied in quality

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:37PM

Participation in governance

Creating partnership with communities is important.

Why the contribution is important

At the moment some govt departments have transactional relationships.

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:36PM

Diversity in planning

Stock-take of Maori and pacific people's worth to NZ society.

Why the contribution is important

At the moment deficit lenses.

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:34PM

Public-private partnership in education

Encourage public-private partnership in education

Why the contribution is important

It creates better opportunities for our youth.

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:33PM

Youth participation in government

Youth need better communication from government.

Why the contribution is important

They are not educated enough or well informed.

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:32PM

Diversity in governance

Mobilize rangatahi leader into governance.

Why the contribution is important

We need better representation. E.g. more Chloe Swarbricks.

by [Auckland_Workshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 08:31PM

Transparency of Decision Making

Government should have to show its working and be open to the data that has been used to make decisions. The public should be able to review data, engage with someone and challenge:

- forecast assumptions

-poicy assumptions

-scientific research - where has it been peer reviewed, by whom

Why the contribution is important

Government is not transparent about the background workings and underlying assumptions of research and data. People have the right to know how decisions that effect them are made.

by on May 30, 2018 at 05:41PM

Government needs to Co-design with Communities

To fully understand the needs of the community, government needs to co-design policies and processes alongside them, or let them lead. The involvement needs to happen at the problem definition stage not at the end of the process (eg including community in the redesign of jury service). The mechanisms used to engage with communities should be easy to use and community members should be paid or given some recompense for their time.

Why the contribution is important

To fully understand the needs of the community, government needs to co-design policies and processes alongside them, or let them lead.

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 05:12PM

Translations of Government Information

Not all parts of NZ society have equitable access to information because English is a second language. There should be real-time translations to participate in govt processes such as Select Committee and local government consultations. Government should also work with communities to create authorised translations.

Why the contribution is important

Not all parts of NZ society have equitable access to information because English is a second language

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 05:02PM

More open decision making

Decision makers should disclose the information their decisons were based on, their understanding of the consequences of their decisions and why they reached the decision they did.

Why the contribution is important

People will have greater trust and confidence in decision makers even if they don't agree with the decision.

by [SSCworkshopChch](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:58PM

OIA Centre of Excellence

There should be an OIA Centre of Excellence (like the old Information Authority) back on a statutory basis.

Why the contribution is important

Responsibility for and practice of the OIA is spread across the public sector and it is hard to manage by the public.

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:58PM

Improving the relationship between OIA, LGOIMA, Public Records Act

OIA, LGOIMA, Public Records Act relationships need to be tidied up as they cross over one another.

Why the contribution is important

The laws cross over and are not easy to use together.

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:56PM

Sharing of resources

Use and resource community and school libraries to deliver more services and provide reach into communties

Why the contribution is important

More and different people will be able to particpate in processes and access services more efficiently

by [SSCworkshopChch](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:55PM

A profession of OIA/Privacy Act Officials

There is currently no career path or recognition of levels of expertise or qualification for officials working in the OIA or Privacy Act (like the UK or Canada). This would feed into improving the culture of agencies for change and improvement of delivery of the OIA. This could also include training and guidance for managers/custodians of datasets as well growing skills and capabilities of Ombudman investigatory as the technology landscape changes.

Why the ^{contribution} is important

There is currently no career path or recognition of levels of expertise or qualification for officials working in the OIA or Privacy Act (like the UK or Canada).

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:54PM

Open Education Resources

Incentivise the creation and access to Open Education Resources

Why the contribution is important

More innovation and more sharing of new and improved practices.

by [SSCworkshopChch](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:52PM

Digital enablement

The Government should invest heavily in digital enablement/access.

Why the contribution is important

So opporunities for innovation are not lost and opportunities for evidence based decison making aren't undermined

by [SSCworkshopChch](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:50PM

OIA- Ombudsman Mandatory Reporting

There should be mandatory reporting by the Ombudsman on progress with complaints and keeping complainants and agencies informed.

Why the contribution is important

At the moment the Ombudsman does not have a system or set process for keeping complainants and agencies informed.

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:48PM

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Algorithems

Develop and continually update policies for use of algorithems.

Why the contribution is important

So opportunities for innovation aren't lost and for evidence based deciwsion making aren't undermined

by [SSCworkshopChch](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:47PM

Audit Agencies Compliance with S22

Agencies' compliance with S22 needs to be audited and the publication of internal guidance, policies and recommend improvements.

Why the contribution is important

The public doesn't know how well S22 is being followed by agencies and what policies and processes they are following to interpret the law.

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:43PM

Clarify Responsibilities for the OIA

Public agency responsibility for the OIA is quite confusing for the general public - even the delegation letter between agencies is not public. Publish the responsibilities of MoJ, SSC, Ombudsman including delegations in one place and promote it!

Why the contribution is important

Public agency responsibility for the OIA is quite confusing for the general public

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:37PM

OIA Timeframes for Response

The OIA timeframes for response are too long and too lax. These need to be tightened up so information can be received in a timely manner and agencies can't delay repeatedly.

Why the contribution is important

The OIA timeframes for response are too long and too lax

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:32PM

Change OIA withholding grounds

S6 withholding grounds need to be subject to the public interest test.

Why the contribution is important

Currently the OIA is too narrow.

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:30PM

Reform the OIA and change the culture

We need to improve the culture of agencies towards the OIA by focusing on the purposes of the Act. We need to commit to reform the OIA through consultation and participation from New Zealanders. The reform should make the OIA self contained and distinct from the Ombudsman Act Powers.

Why the contribution is important

The OIA is not not adequate and needs to be strengthened.

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:28PM

OIA Accessibility

To make it easier to find information already released and improve accessibility we need a centralised online tool for requesting/responding and making complaints to an oversight bodey (like Mexico). It should have a federated feed of govt-created documents (like Norway)

Why the contribution is important

It is important because at the moment it is hard to find and not scalable.

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:22PM

Broaden the scope of the OIA

We need to broaden the scope of the OIA, in particular the definition of official information, to include the information supplied to inquiries.

Why the contribution is important

The OIA scope is too narrow.

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:17PM

OIA Eligibility

The eliligibility criteria of the OIA should be extended to everyone to include non New Zealand citizens. We need to remove s12 and s23

Why the contribution is important

The OIA is too narrow.

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:15PM

OIA Scope of Bodies

The OIA should be extended to cover more bodies. These include:

-the Office of the Clerk, Parliamentary Services, Offices of Parliament and the Speaker excluding matters subject to Parliamentary priviledge

-private bodies delivering public services under contract.It is possible to add them to the schedule in the Order

- SOEs (Energy companies)

-Newly created bodies - add them into the OIA scope

Why the contribution is important

The OIA excludes too many bodies.

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:12PM

OIA Accessibility of Disclosed Information

When you get OIA information it is not always in the form which is easy to use or accessible to the requester for example image only scanned PDFs. OIA data when provided by to the requester should be in basically accessible formats like searchable text, HTML, spreadsheets and raw date. All the data should comply with S16 of the OIA.

Why the contribution is important

When you get OIA information it is not always in the form which is easy to use or accessible to the requester for example image only scanned PDFs

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:07PM

OIA Proactive Publication

Add a provision requiring proactive publication but consult the public as well as agencies on what shape this should take. It should include publication of the following - research which has been commissioned by government, awarded contracts, and social, environmental and expenditure.

Why the contribution is important

The OIA doesn't have this requirement currently.

by [SSCWellingtonWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 03:03PM

Engage with Maori and Pacifika

Government needs to include the voices with Maori and Pacifika into decision making more. Their views need to be reflected in policy development, working groups and decision making more consistently.

Why the contribution is important

Maori and Pacifika have unique perspectives and have much to add. It needs to be equitable.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 01:36PM

Engage with the Disengaged

If the Government is to be open, it should do more to engage with those that are disengaged. These consultations are with people that come forward to be engaged with. Everyone has a right to be included and their views reflected. Government needs to do more and try harder.

Why the contribution is important

 Everyone has a right to be included and their views reflected.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 01:32PM

R egional Views Represented in Wellington Policy Development

Ministerial advisory groups and Working Groups should include regional representation. They shouldn't be just filled with Wellington people or people who don't understand the views of people in the South Island. Everyone has the right to be represented and have access to the discussion - all parts of the country should be heard.

Why the contribution is important

Because the issues that are important to people in the South are different to those in the North. A regional perspective and regional issues are not always included in important government policy developments or think tanks - they are inequitable.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 01:29PM

Political "Boards" in Schools

There should be political boards or bodies in schools to feed their ideas into the decision making process in Wellington and into Parliament. There is no current structure to help engagement with democracy.

Why the contribution is important

The voice of young people should be heard and they should be included in the decision making process of New Zealand government, particularly
if the issues affect them.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 01:24PM

MPs Consult Electorates Before They Vote

An electorate votes someone in and then can vote anyway they want on things they didn't campaign on. There needs to be more consultation more often with electorates particularly on conscience votes - whose conscience?

Why the contribution is important

We need to have better access to the decision making process. MPs represent an electorate but some don't share what is being decided or what approach is being taken and why. Otherwise it is a black box.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 01:21PM

Tell School Students What is Going On

As a school student it is impossible to know what is going on in Parliament, the decisions that have been made and what they are. Many of these issues effect us and we have no idea about them or how to find out about them. A 5min video of what happened in the week posted on a channel we use and connected to schools could mean that it could be played in assemblies or classes or at least sent to us on the newsletters or policitcal info Boards. We need to have access to the conversation and to participate.

Why the contribution is important

We are a sector of the society and we have our own views which should be heard. It isn't equitable access to information and decision making otherwise.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 01:17PM

Drop the Voting Age to 16

If the voting age is dropped to 16, most people are still in school. They will be surrounded by structure and teaching so you learn about government, understand the choices you make and be more connected to the process. It will connect people into the democratic system early rather than dip out.

Why the contribution is important

Democracy is important and connecting people to the democratic process is important.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 11:24AM

Broader Thinking Around Urban Planning

When new towns and communities are built more things need to be taken into account like where jobs are, what is available for refugees and housing - all

different types. The social aspects of urban planning and major developments needs to improve.

Why the contribution is important

When developments are made, if social aspects are thought of and included in the design or the regulations of a council there will be better and stronger communities.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 11:21AM

Greater focus on empathy in education

We need a greater focus on empathy in education - building and listening trust. Show it and teach it.

Why the contribution is important

More empathy in schools will create better environments to learn and how to behave.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 11:18AM

Prioritise Wellbeing and Happiness

The way you frame your thoughts effects everything you do and everything you can do. Young people struggle with this more than any other group. We need to focus on health and wellbeing - that gives a good base for students to learn and achieve.

Why the contribution is important

New Zealand needs young people to grow up to be happy, successful adults that contribute to the economy, are good parents and good people.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 11:14AM

More focus on Arts

The curriculum is very crowded. There is less and less time spent on the arts. The arts are important to grow well rounded people who can use both sides of

their brains. The arts are also career choices which we don't have much opportunity to follow, study or be assessed on.

Why the contribution is important

It is important to cater all sorts of students so they can achieve. The arts are important for growth and development and also they are a valid career choice which we are not being prepared for.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 11:09AM

We need an upper house for better representation

We need to change the current model of government to include an upper house so there are more levels of debate and more people can be at the decision making table. At the moment the Executive holds too much power and not enough people get to see how decisions are made and on what basis.

Why the contribution is important

We need to able to participate in democracy and our elected representatives should not have extreme power we should have more checks, balances and transparency.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 11:06AM

Incentivise businesses and people to move out of Auckland

We need to spread the economic benefits and reduce the pressure on housing, transport and services by incentivising businesses to move out of Auckland. People should be able to work to support themselves, not pay all of their money in high rents and travel costs with nothing left over.

Why the contribution is important

Because Auckland can't cope will all of the people, the traffic, travel costs and the house prices are too high. If we want to reduce poverty we should have more businesses in the regions where it is cheaper to live and get to work with more money left over for families.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 10:59AM

NCEA should take into account mental health concerns

NCEA should take into account mental health concerns. Many students have mental health issues and they are not being recognised or catered for with the current way achievement is being assessed. The current system is inequitable.

Why the contribution is important

If we want students to achieve and gain the qualifications they deserve, they should have access to a system that can cater to their needs.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 10:52AM

Better Representation of Youth Voices

Youth voices are not being heard. Particularly in the regions there are not enough opportunitities for the youth view to be included in the conversation. Even for the most engaged students, it is impossible to find ways to access or be part of the decisions being made about them - government isn't doing it. Access more through schools or on websites we use - don't create your own.

Why the contribution is important

Because we should be represented in the decisions that are being made about us. They will work better if they are tailored to what we need and how we are. We have a valid perspective and we have things to contribute. We want to contribute.

by [SSCDunedinStudentWorkshop](#) on May 30, 2018 at 10:48AM

Phase out Dairy Farming

Support and fund scientific research into renewable farming practices and alternative environmentallly friendly products to produce. Support farmers in making this essential transition both financially and through workshops and rescourcing.

Why the contribution is important

There are many great ideas on this website: centering around integral topics such as education, health care and the economy. However we won't have school systems to imporove if our country an unlivable place, as a result og irreversable climate change. Recent scientific reseaerch states that our environmental state is nearly at an irreversable point of degredation. We need to put reducing the severity of climate change ahead of all other inititives, or we won't have a livable tomorrow. Methane gas, produced from cows contributes majoritevly to Aotearoa's carbon footprint. We have to change to renuwable, responsible farming practices and exports.

by [RoszieMilez](#) on May 29, 2018 at 02:08PM

Consumer culture

We are living in a Neo-liberalistic age where private corporations hold all the power and from that, a consumerist culture has been born. Society focuses on purchasing goods or items but has little understanding of the enviromental, social and mental repercussions. If we as New Zealand escape this culture it would be not only benificial for New Zealand but New Zealand on a International stand point. Firstlywe need to stop exporting environmentally harmful goods or packaging and stop importing these aswell. Secondly we need to start investing money into more eco friendly study and testing. By doing this we can create job openings for people looking into this research but also into the production schemes of these things. We can create more eco friendly items that look after our enviroment and stop rubbish from being dumped into the ocean. If New Zealand leads this movement we could gain extra revenue and create more partnerships with countries that could support. Being a more independent country like this we can start to use the money for country related issues. This is a movement that could combat alot of issues on a national scale and benifit society and the world as a whole.

Why the contribution is important

This is a benificial idea to many areas in society. It helps those that are unemployed, the enviroment, the economy, social independence and the youth of our culture.

by [Kiwiboy](#) on May 29, 2018 at 02:05PM

Capital Gains Tax

Income gained from capital gains on properties in New Zealand should be taxed as income from other sources is. This would go beyond the current policy of only capital gains from properties sold within three years of purchase being taxed. Capital gains tax rates would depend on the size of the capital gains, and would be administered on a tiered structure similar to that used for calculating income tax rates.

Why the contribution is important

If we are prepared to tax low income earners working multiple low-wage jobs to support their families amid rising living costs, we should also be taxing income earned by doing nothing but owning property. The current system allows for the wealthy to exponentially increase their wealth through untaxed property speculation at the cost of those on the bottom of the property ladder. As speculation increases, fueled by a very generous system which practically invites the accumulation of investment properties, housing prices go up across the board, leaving youth and low income earners struggling to secure housing. Taxing capital gains is much fairer than taxing income, and the tiered system would allow for fair and appropriate taxation of capital gains on the family home as well as investment properties. This extra tax income could be used to subsidise social housing.

by [NickiEldridge](#) on May 29, 2018 at 02:04PM

Environmental Accountability

The basic idea is to hold people, companies, and different sectors responsible for the environmental impact that they have. Companies that produce large emissions or pollute and people who run farms should have to take measures to add something positive our environment. Whether this looks companies and people paying money into environmental initiatives or there being a set of better rules and regulations that are strictly monitored, anything that detriments our environment should be limited.

Why the contribution is important

In order for New Zealand to uphold the 'clean and green' image that we have proudly formed for ourselves, we need to continually be monitoring how it's changing and who is impacting it. This is something that needs to happen now and it can't wait. The environment is a ticking time bomb and New Zealand has

always been a nation with an aspirations to lead the way in terms of technology and policy. We were among the first to go Nuclear free and we now have the perfect opportunity to be one of the first nations to have strong environmental policy that other nations can aspire to have. Young people are the generation that has to cope with the impacts that adults making large decisions regarding the environment are allowing and it's not acceptable for generations above us to leave us with a destroyed environment. This issue has a great level of urgency and cannot be overlooked for another five or more years, as we are destroying the environment far faster than we are attempting to repair it.

by [georgiaf123](#) on May 29, 2018 at 02:01PM

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Medical research funding

I think that it would be in the county's best interest to increase the amount of funding for medical research in New Zealand, especially surrounding cancers and the use of crisper based research as it is becoming more relevant in the scientific community.

Why the contribution is important

I believe that it is very critical in making breakthroughs in the scientific community which could lead to possible economic growth as possible companies that make the medical products will be able to create more jobs for New Zealand because as we increase the researchers ability to continue their path which could possibly lead to the creation of medical products.

by [jandis70](#) on May 29, 2018 at 01:59PM

Tax Reform

I think that we should increase taxes on the wealthy, and increase transfer payements to the poorest in our society.

Why the contribution is important

I think it is important that we reform our tax system to make our society fairer for the people at the bottom. We need to make sure that all methods of income are taxed fairly, and that the rich are paying their fair share of tax. This needs to

be done so that the Government can fairly redistribute the tax take so that we can bridge the gap between the rich and the poor. This can be done by investing further in our education system, so that we can increase productivity.

by LoganStadnyk on May 29, 2018 at 01:59PM

Youth Mental Health

I propose that as a country we should put more money on youth mental health as often mental health discovered in the teenage years can continue on to adulthood, which would essentially cost more. I also think that this would be beneficial as too much stress is put on the youth and finding ways to stop that or at the very least finding ways to help absolve stress

Why the contribution is important

a childhood is a sacred thing that shouldn't be plagued by the amount of stress we carry, I'm sure that if you are older than thirty your youth was not as stressful as it is for youth today, all factors considering. Stress is not a birth right, do not ignore me because you had to go through it so we should too

by ria1814 on May 29, 2018 at 01:58PM

Parking

We need to have more free angle parking around school zones and other wide streets so people do not drive around looking for a park and wasting petrol they may not have the money to refill, which also causes problems in the environmental area.

This brings on stress as jobs are limited and parents have children to raise, some of them may not grow up to be a respectful, responsible, caring, careful, loving and more person in life. There are many other area's involved with this but parking is one of my greatest and most noticed, and I believe if you acknoledge my idea and take action this place could become a whole lot better!

Why the contribution is important

It will help make this place a better community and area for all

by [gravy](#) on May 29, 2018 at 01:58PM

Mental health resources for schools.

Having more mental health awareness and help resources available in primary and secondary schools.

Why the contribution is important

Students are suffering alone and not knowing what is going on. Having more resources avaliable would help prevent these cases and educate young people about the problems they are facing.

by [gabis](#) on May 29, 2018 at 01:53PM

Decriminalising Abortion

Allowing women to have an abortion no matter their circumstances and not only when there is a risk to them.

Why the contribution is important

Women should be allowed to have their say over their bodies, as their life should take precedence over a fetus - which does not gain status as a full human being with full human rights until it is born.

by [madelinemc](#) on May 29, 2018 at 01:53PM

Decrease intensive dairy farming

Change farming processes that are environmentally harmful to ones that are better for the environment

Why the contribution is important

It's important for ensuring both a safe and environmentally clean future and one that will reach our carbon emissions targets. The effects of climate change are already present in New Zealand's climate and only stands to aggressively worsen-taking action now will serve to minimise the effects of this. It also

safeguards our economy and the livelihoods of our rural communities, as they will have a head start in a necessary and inevitable industry (cleaner and greener farming), which will stand to save New Zealand millions of dollars.

by [khaleedajaafar](#) on May 29, 2018 at 01:53PM

C hildren Learning Languages

Make it compulsory for NZ children in primary and intermidiate schools to learn a language.

Why the contribution is important

My idea is important because in a lot of other countries it is compulsory and it increases the international relations and allows our children to travel and experience a new country and culture

by [IH17051](#) on May 29, 2018 at 01:52PM

Take abortion out of the crime act

It's about time

Why the contribution is important

Women currently are criminals if they do not get like 3 doctors signatures on an abortionᴀꜱ

by [uptheregions](#) on May 29, 2018 at 01:51PM

Decriminalisation of drugs

To decriminalise drugs in New Zealand and create more rehabilitation programs so people can recover from addictions safely.

Why the contribution is important

Would allow people to get help safely without worrying about getting in trouble with the law and also stop people getting arrest and going to prison cause of drugs and then being unable to get out of that cycle. So continues to take drugs and so forth.

by [KennedyJane](#) on May 29, 2018 at 01:50PM

Regional and small town investment

Small towns like Milton are ravaged by meth crises. The main population of regions are old people and students, as high skilled work has moved to the nearby big cities. To overcome those issues, the government should invest in community centres, business, and youth activities to actually give people a place in their community to feel involved. The issue is that these towns are hollowed out but the government can help to give them life again.

Why the contribution is important

It is sad for the people in places like Milton and South Auckland to not have purposeful community institutions and employment. You can't expect these people to simply pick up and move to bigger cities, so these communities deserve investment.

by [uptheregions](#) on May 29, 2018 at 01:49PM

Taxing Diesel and Gas Vehicles

We should be taxing these to decrease damage to the environment and promotion on evironment friendly vehicles.

Why the contribution is important

It is important to decrease damage to the environment.

by [TylerTryhard](#) on May 29, 2018 at 01:46PM

Report on NZ's progress against the UN's Sustainable Development goals

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals provide the only framework for global thinking about the interrelationship between the environmental crisis that is becoming exponentially more serious and people's efforts to improve conditions across a range of measures which include- social, environmental, economic and instution building, peace and justice. There is also a specific action related to building international partneships.

NZ should report on the policies it is implementing as they relate to the SDG's which many in civil society are seeking to implement.

Why the contribution is important

Brings to life an existing international commitment.

by [JanR](#) on May 20, 2018 at 10:44PM

OIA departmental star rating system

The OIA is a critical part of an accountable democracy. However, there is no requirement for public servants to understand this mechanism or the wider democratic pillars, such as freedom of information, freedom of the press, academic freedom. Culturally, many public servants see those that make OIA requests as "trouble makers", not as empowered citizens acting within a healthy democracy. There appears also to be little accountability around the OIA within government departments other than to attempt requests are actioned within the 20 days and many departments purposefully drag out replies to the 20th day to slow down public inquiries through the OIA. It is recommended that:

1. OIA and an understanding of democratic instruments are mandatory for all public servants
2. That departments are mreasured and rated through a simple 5 star system based on metrics such as:

- Posting average reply time (not just initial acknowledgement)
- Percentage of staff who are trained as above
- Deduction of points/stars for escalations to ombudsman
- Customer service satisfaction surveys from those who made requests
- Employment agreements especially those in senior roles to ensure the above
- The star system would be published in their annual report
- Any department scoring less than 3 stars (i.e. minimum requirements), placed under strict monitoring
- Any department with 4 or 5 stars, rewarded i.e. linked to performance agreements/bonuses

Why the contribution is important

Currently the OIA system makes applicants feel like villans.

by [steveglassey](#) on May 18, 2018 at 04:25PM

Education - Financial Literacy, home ownership

Being a financial adviser for nearly 20 years, I found a lot of clients although well-educated and have well paid job, but their financial aren't sound. Some found them stuck in their day job and want the options, some even don't have their own home. When we took our client through the journey, they often told us they couldn't imagine that they could achieve what they achieve. I found that if the home ownership is what we want the nation to improve, why not start when they are in school, perhaps at intermediate age. Having this goal in mind, we should then reduce the consume debt as the people would have an ultimate goal and would behave at present instead letting themselves go, spending money on what they don't need.

Why the contribution is important

Education is key, it is foundamental to show people that they can manage money, and build their financial confidence and independency.

Home ownership is important for the individual, for the family and for the nation.

We used to live in statehouse until Sept, 2001. We now have the financial freedom and my husband retired at age 41. He does charity work once a week. I believe that a lot of people don't know they can do it, or they don't know why and there is also fear too. I would love to show them how.

by [luciaxiao](#) on May 16, 2018 at 07:28PM

Full review of Auckland Council "Super City" governance and operational structure

The current Auckland Council Super City has major governance and operational effectiveness difficulties because of its sheer size, lackof connection between its various components, the inability of the governing Council to effectively control its CCO activities, lack of local community decision making ability or effective input, and an overall lack of accountability both internally and externally.

It is in the light of seven years of actual experience, the structure is not working well, and is not fit for purpose, and needs a full review and overhaul.

Why the contribution is important

Auckland plays a major part in the New Zealand economy, and is suffering from massive popuation growth and major demographic and cultural shifts. The current structure makes it impossible for effective community electoral control or effective consultative or advisory input, and it is not possible for the elected Governing Body, the City's Councillors, to adequately manage and control the overall direction or day to day operation of the City.

Local Boards have a very limited responsibiity and no effective decision making input to major local infranstructure or Council operational activity to the detriment of their local communities in very many cases.

The city is basically being developed and managed by non elected officials, and CCO Boards, and community input at all levels is effectively minimal, Budget and planning consultations are shallow with poor primary information flows and are basically more PR exercises than genuine information and opinion providing opportunities for the communty, at all levels, from the most senior and important business and commumity groupings, to the smaller local community groups that the city's social fabric depends on.

Community character and local identiy is being rapidly destroyed by centralised Council decision making and the planning impacts of the Unitary Plan aimed at intensification of the city population. New social and cutural difficulties are arising from the large number of new immigrants from very diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds from the traditional Auckland resident groups.

The whole Auckland Super city concept and core original planning assumptions and directions are a major social engineering exercise, probably unequalled in the world in size and speed of political and structural re-organisation, population growth, planning process, and ethnic and cultural makeup, which are in essence out of community democratic governance control, and facing major problems in many areas including over stretched infrastructure, including schools, hospitals etc, transport and traffic congestion, massive property value increases leading to unaffordable housing, major and growing social and poverty based problems, and

by billrayner on May 16, 2018 at 04:22PM

Coalition Agreement Document

The Government should release the Coalition Agreement that Labour made with NZFirst and the Greens.

Why the contribution is important

The Government campaigned on, and claims they support open government, but their actions belie this.

It's important for the people of New Zealand to know what Labour and NZF have agreed on as it's those parties' agreement on how to run New Zealand.

by [amatteu](#) on May 16, 2018 at 03:20PM

Teach Te Reo to primary school children

School children in NZ should learn te Reo. Right now te reo used in school is very basic. Around 80 per cent of teachers used te reo for greetings and farewells, and instructions.

Why the contribution is important

The language is the life force of the mana. Māori helps students to grow as learners. They discover more ways of learning, more ways of knowing, and more about their own capabilities. They may become more reflective as they compare what they know of their first language with what they are learning in te Reo.

by [KatyaAC](#) on May 16, 2018 at 10:52AM

Make the register of overseas registered entities public

Transparency International has called for "a public repository of the overseas beneficial owners of assets registered in New Zealand for all legal entities."

When ordinary New Zealander's banking and overseas transfers of small amounts of money have been made into a top heavy & inconvenient not having a register of those organisations mostly likely to be the cause of the more than $1.35bn of dark money coming into NZ each year makes a mockery of our laws. New Zealand has been a tax haven. Some of the worst aspects have been reined in. A public list will help to clean up foreign tax evasion and the use of NZ as a destination for money laundering.

This article outlines the issue from Transparency International NZ. https://www.transparency.org.nz/report-on-money-laundering-and-financing-terrorism-warns-against-complacency/

Why the contribution is important

New Zealand's reputation overseas. Taxation fairness. Preventing overseas money from being laundered into legitimate businesses and property in NZ.

by [JanR] JanR on May 15, 2018 at 11:30PM

Algorithm impact assessments

When algorithms are implemented as part of the delivery of public services or the deployment of public assets they should be subject to the kind of assessment that is suggested by New York Universities recent paper described here. - https://medium.com/@AINowInstitute/algorithmic-impact-assessments-toward-accountable-automation-in-public-agencies-bd9856e6fdde

Why the contribution is important

Transparency of access to services.

Existing information asymetry

Democratic deficit

As the article linked above says "systems are already influencing important decisions, there is still no clear framework in the US to ensure that they are monitored and held accountable.[1] Indeed, even many simple systems operate as "black boxes," as they are outside the scope of meaningful scrutiny and accountability." This is not right

by JanR on May 15, 2018 at 11:13PM

Good Information That Is Easy To Understand

My hypothesis is that while transparency stops secrecy, and enables more open government, it does not limit deception. For example, misinformation and misunderstanding follows when accountability documents underplay sensitive financial and performance information, and when planners are forced to write bland and uninformative advice, using evasive and indirect statements that substitute for free and frank advice. My idea is to provide every strategy, governance and planning manager with training and incentives to help their

planners and financial advisors to think and draft in a way that enables good decision-making and ensures the decision can be understood and tested by people who do not understand the technical issues. If we really want open government then we need to find a way to make sure New Zealanders can assess the credibility of the accountability information.

Why the contribution is important

Open Government is now possible on a scale of which the past public servants could barely dream. Parliament is now flooded with information. Pick up any Statement of Intent, Statement of Performance Information, Annual Report or Budget Fact Sheet or answer to a written question and the facts and figures demonstrate financial and managerial accountability. Yet this high enthusiasm forever more accountability information appears to have done little to build or restore public trust. A cynic might say, trust has receded as more accountability information has been tabled in Parliament. This idea is important because there are a truckload of people producing this information across the entire public sector, but very few people use this information, and even fewer people know how to scrutinise and judge the credibility of the information (in a sensible, useful and inclusive way, as opposed to 'gotcha' moments).

by [debtk](#) on May 08, 2018 at 09:18AM

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Transparency in Crown-entity decision-making

Require all Crown-entities (including ACEs and ICEs), Crown-owned companies and State-owned enterprises to publish forward meeting schedule, agendas, papers, minutes, Board member attendance, conflicts of interest management, online. The standard needs to be 'publish unless there is a good reason not to'.

Why the contribution is important

There is a inconsistency across the public sector. Local authorities already do this. In fact, most Council meetings are streamed live. New Zealand Transport Agency and Auckland Transport already do this. They see this as a matter of good public governance practice. This idea is important because it's time to bring some transparency to all Crown-entity decision-making, rather than leaving it to the goodwill and comfort levels of individual Crown-entity Chairs and Board members.

by [debtk](#) on May 08, 2018 at 08:43AM

Develop a permanent and properly resourced government unit to collect, process and communicate ongoing public input such as a Commission of Public Input

Big idea: This unit would collect, process and communicate public input so it is an ongoing activity, not just a one off event. It needs to be appropriately resourced with a dedicated, trained public input staff unit to collect and process the public input.

Scaled down proposal to fit 2-year time frame: work on creating one on a particular issue or focus, or linked issues, like housing and transport – but check with politicians for what issues they want input on and would be likely to listen to, and preferably, get involved in before choosing. They wanted something on tax and welfare, so what next? Collate all existing data, hold new summits/working groups to address the issues, and aim to produce options for policy development in mid-2018, which would be a good time in the new government's cycle. Aim to showcase it as an example of innovation to match the best examples from the US or elsewhere.

However then archive it/make it a permanent organisation that can then be broadened beyond the two year time period if it works/if supported.

Additional idea to support this: appoint a figurehead, ideally a Minister of Public Input or if not a senior government staffer: public input needs a champion, so governments need a Minister for Public Input. Already Canada has a Minister for Democratic Reform; the UK a Minister for Civil Society and Minister for Political & Constitutional Reform.

What would it look like?

- a Public Input Collection Unit would collects public input from a diverse range of sources, uses a range of methods to create constructive conversation, specify what is on/off the table, focus on producing workable solutions and records results accurately and objectively.
- The Public Input Processing Section will analyse and produce reports on public input events, create a report for politicians, disseminate event reports and a wide range of other inputs and disseminate the government/leadership response to public input.

- A third component, the Government Liaison Team, needs to gather politician's input into the public input system and distribute reports on public input to Government.

Figure 4. Key units in the Ministry of Public Input

Public Input Collection Unit (PICU)

Public Input Processing Section (PIPS)

q. Collects public input from a diverse range of sources

q. Uses a range of methods to create constructive conversation

q. Specifies what is on/off the table

q. Focuses on producing workable solutions and options

q. Records results accurately and objectively and sends them to PIPS

q. Run by a properly resourced team to process public input data

q. Analyses and produces reports on public input

q. Disseminates event reports and wide range of other inputs openly to the public and politicians via the Government Liaison Team

q. Disseminates the government/leadership response to public input

Government Liaison Team (GLT)

Public Development Office (PDO)

q. Gathers politician's input into design of public input collection/PICU

q. Distributes public input/PIPS reports to Government

q. Communicates government response to public input

q. Develops citizens' skills, capacity and attitudes so they can provide high quality solution-oriented input

q. Creates a range of roles for the public to play in the public input system

Why the contribution is important

Why is this needed?

In New Zealand, we have had one off successes with initiatives like the Welfare and Tax working groups; and the US has also developed some valuable initiatives like the TSA Ideas Factory which actually generate ideas government acts on. What makes the difference? Well they involve politicians, are well resourced, and are a more complete, permanent system that combines political/government elite expertise with input from wider societal groups and staff. We need to repeat such success, but do some on a more permanent basis.

Most public input exercises waste significant funds, time, resources, staff and energy in scattered and superficial activity producing data that politicians cannot use because they forget to include the politicians who make the decisions. Politicians have to take into account constraints and realities; they also have to show leadership which requires pursuing change and necessary - but not always popular - policies. The data collected has limited impact on decision making; disappointing those who participate in public input processes, and damaging government-citizen relations.

by JenniferLM on May 07, 2018 at 10:40AM

2. Create a Career Path for Government Engagement Staff

Proposal: Create a Career Path for Government Engagement Staff that trains, develops and rewards staff across government departments involved in engagement and public input.

Principles to implement:

1. **Create differentiated roles within government engagement**

- To make public input work, it needs a range of activities and staff with varying skills and aptitudes to carry them out. It's not just about organising a one off consultation. For example it could include:

- o **Government Liaison Staff –** who manage the relationship with government; so they gather politician's input into the design and focus on public input, ensure they receive the outputs from public input; solicit and communicate the government's response
- o **Public Input Collection Staff** - ensure public input is collected according to best practice such as using a range of sources; using a range of methods that produce constructive conversations; with transparency about is on/off the table; and accurate recording of the input. In particular, *Participation selection officers* collect public input from a diverse range of sources with a mix of all potential groups, but making sure that elites do not dominate and participants treat each other as equal peers. *Issue selection strategists* collect public input on any issue including those that are most important to the public, those politicians haven't yet decided on, crisis issues, complex issues and those more manageable. *Public input designers:* design public input in its various forms would mostly use methods that create open, constructive conversation that is deliberative in nature (even if other methods are used to measure current views or behaviour), including people with different perspectives and positions in the same room and ensuring proceedings are kept respectful. *Objective public input collection staff*: could help ministers to identify a range stakeholders, those who they haven't yet heard from, and help ministers forge connections with everyone.
- o **Public Input Processing:** staff here analyse and disseminate the results of public input to the government, public, and media transparently and accessibly; and also disseminate a leadership response to public input to help political leaders explain how public input relates to their decisions

2. **Offer training in required/gold standard principles of engagement**

3. **Give Awards to recognise best practice**

4. **Hold monthly meetings between engagement staff**

- from all different areas of practice/government
- to create a positive supportive network and peer learning

5. **Organise a yearly workshop/retreat**

- for long-term strategic development in engagement practice

Why the contribution is important

Rationale:

Like any professional area, effective engagement requires experience, training, and sharing of best practice. The OECD (2001, 44) notes the importance of staff training to effective engagement - without it 'activities to strengthening government-citizen relations cannot go ahead.'

However staff working in engagement in government are often dispersed through different departments, therefore operate in small numbers, are combined with communication or other roles, and change positions frequently, so rarely get the time or resources to develop high quality practice.

Whilst best practice would be to collate such staff in a public input unit which then services all government ministers, another way is to bring them together in another way be creating a cross-government career path.

Research source: The Ministry of Public Input
https://leesmarshment.wordpress.com/books/the-ministry-of-public-input/

by JenniferLM on May 07, 2018 at 10:37AM

1. Spread a Gold Standard of Decision-maker Driven Engagement across government

Proposal:

Create and spread a Gold standard Decision-maker Driven Engagement for NZ government that will have more impact because it involves the decision makers in the process; focus on issues the government want public input on; produces recommendations usable for politicians; and feedbacks the government response/action.

Principles to implement:

The Gold standard of Decision-maker Driven Engagement should embed principles such as:

A. **Involve decision makers throughout the process**

- Involve relevant government ministers in the design
- Communicate closely with government throughout the process
- Seek a government ministers to champion the process

B. **Focus on issues the Ggovernment wants public input on**

- Ask government ministers to identify pressing issues they would welcome input on
- E.g. Housing or infrastructure challenges, or immigration
- Run engagement exercises on these

C. **Create politically usable input**

- Make sure the input processes consider constraints and conflicts that exist in political reality
- Produce several not just one options for politicians to consider
- Produce timely data for politicians by operating quickly and on a large enough scale e.g. online

D. **Feedback Government's Response**

- Communicate public input initiatives over time not just for one event
- Collate and communicate all input online
- Coordinate and communicate the response of decision makers to public input
- Follow a template for government feedback that explains and justifies a range of responses to suggested options, each to have an explanation or 'why' section within them:
    - ideas being taken forward by the government
    - ideas the government will consider further

- o ideas we cannot do
- o ideas others may progress
- o ideas with no further action at this time.

- Make sure the politicians are given space to communicate the rationale for their decision. This helps them be respected and trusted but it also legitimises the engagement process in the public's eye

Making it practical/possible to implement:

- Start small, then spread over time
- Ask each department/ministry to adopt these principles for one engagement exercise during the two years
- Or seek to get just 5 on board or SSC run one on an issue that crosses 5 departments e.g. housing, transport, treasury, employment and immigration
- Or implement 1-3 Gold Standard Decision-maker Driven Engagement Process during the 2 years to showcase the value of following its' principles
- After two years, then move to making it the gold standard that other government staff/units start aspiring to
  - o Provide more budget for gold standard engagement exercises
  - o Run awards for the best engagement exercise that meets the Gold Standard Decision-maker Driven Engagement
  - o the **SSC Minister's Gold Standard Decision-maker Driven Engagement Resource Budget** for all government units to bid for funding from
  - o require all engagement to follow these principles for engagement that costs more than x$s, or not be able to use public money

Why the contribution is important

Most engagement has little impact on actual decision making in government, because politicians are not involved in the public input system, the input it produces is unusable for politicians as it doesn't take into account the nature and realities of government hinder integration of public input, or give them room to show leadership and make the final decision.

However there are ad hoc examples of impactful and successful engagement and the difference is they involve the decision makers (government ministers) in the process; focus on issues politicians want public input on; produce clear and

usable recommendations for politicians; and feedback the government response/action. Examples include Welfare and Tax Working Groups in New Zealand; and TSA Ideas Factory and NASA Ideascale in the US that led to actual changes in government policy/processes.

In these examples, the government/elite considered and took on board input, and without saying yes to everything (which is not possible politically let alone cost wise), gave a reasoned response and justification, and did follow some of the options. The input and response was effectively communicated. More specific public input initiatives such as the Tax Working Group in New Zealand have featured a wider range of material online, including meeting notes, briefing documents, policy research as well as reports on public input. And the report back was detailed. The TSA's Ideas Factory was that they reported back, with an explanation including why ideas could not be implemented. NASA responded to ideas gathered via the agency's Ideascale site with some specificity: they classified submitted ideas into one of four categories: things we can do; things we do or have done; things we cannot do and unclear or off-topic. Those ideas placed under 'things we can do' were tagged to specific topic areas (such as education, public affairs, NASA spinoff, etc.)' and a report of ideas was delivered to the corresponding NASA office. The report that the Australian Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in Australia produced in response to the 2020 Summit is an example of how governments can provide feedback to public input events (Australian Government 2009). In the report they categorised ideas into four groups: key ideas being taken forward by the government; ideas the government will consider further; ideas others may progress and ideas with no further action at this time.

We need to spread this success so it becomes the norm rather than one off events.

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https://leesmarshment.wordpress.com/books/the-ministry-of-public-input/

by JenniferLM on May 07, 2018 at 10:36AM

Dumping fees

Drop the dumping fee so we don't have people dumping their sh*t in our waters please

Why the contribution is important

Mandy Waller via Facebook page

by [OGPNZAdmin](#) on May 04, 2018 at 01:36PM

Substance abuse

New Zealand needs to change draconian drug laws and stop putting substance users in prison. More funding is required for treatment urgently, waiting 6 months or more for residential options and why are there not more drug courts. Substance abuse needs to be a health issue not a criminal one and stop spending billions every year in a failed and pointless war on drugs [#supportdontpunish](#)

Why the contribution is important

Jacqueline Palethorpe via Facebook page

by [OGPNZAdmin](#) on May 04, 2018 at 01:35PM

Disability support in the home

Disability support in the home

Why the contribution is important

Lorreen Hartley via Facebook page

by [OGPNZAdmin](#) on May 04, 2018 at 01:34PM

Mental Health Support

Fix up our mental Health issues & increase funding for better wages for mental health supports. Next hing they will be requiring support.

Why the contribution is important

Marlene Bolton via Facebook page

by [OGPNZAdmin](#) on May 04, 2018 at 01:33PM

Work and Income

The whole culture of WINZ needs an overhaul. Serious human rights issues here.

Why the contribution is important

Marlene Bolton via Facebook page

by [OGPNZAdmin](#) on May 04, 2018 at 01:33PM

Cost of living

Wages need to move into the real world. You now have too many families with both parents working sleeping in their vans at night because rentals are too dear.

Why the contribution is important

Marlene Bolton via Facebook

by [OGPNZAdmin](#) on May 04, 2018 at 01:32PM

Wages

It would be great to see you all living off the same wages you set for the rest of the country. I believe that will help you tremendously with your policymaking for living wages, minimum wages and benefit settings, renting, housing issues, education costs and general day to day living 😊.

Why the contribution is important

Julia Rapira via Facebook page

by [OGPNZAdmin](#) on May 04, 2018 at 01:29PM

Balancing the budget

Balancing the budget

Why the contribution is important

Wade Enright Alexander via Facebook page

by [OGPNZAdmin](#) on May 04, 2018 at 01:29PM

Indigenous, locals and minorities

And the indigenous, locals and minorities?? Like to see some walking talk there nz government

Why the contribution is important

Omega Myrrh Paiti via Facebook Page

by [OGPNZAdmin](#) on May 04, 2018 at 01:28PM

Ministerials [correspondence from the public]

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If (we) want this to be a valid way for the public to engage with Minister Minister(s) we should take the comments seriously.

Why the contribution is important

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Our next National Action Plan 2018-2020

· What areas should we focus on nationally over the next two years?

· What areas should the Public Service focus on?

The Attendees did not (and were not asked) to record the rationale for their answers.

by [OGPNZAdmin](#) on April 26, 2018 at 08:59AM

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by [OGPNZAdmin](#) on April 20, 2018 at 02:55PM

Teaching kids

Teaching kids general information about government

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by [Net Hui_10_November_2017](#) on April 19, 2018 at 04:09PM

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IA process

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- Empathy for the public servants trying to answer these
- "Commercial sensitivity" used as an excuse to not release information - we want to know how much government spends on specific things
- Private-Public-Partnerships muddy the waters of "commercial sensitivity"
- All contracts that government has should be publicly available
- OIA process needs to scale. Look at a different model
- Information should be made available by default (open 1st). It should be ubiquitously available, but needs to be 'utilisable', or usable by the average person.
- Help people to use and explore open information and data by providing tools

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Comments

- **Posted by [JanR](#) May 20, 2018 at 14:01**

Agree. I would add that the OIA should be extended to include private third parties that deliver public services that are legislated such as SERCO's operation of public prisons and the various parts of the health sector that are run by private companies.

- **Posted by [OGPNewZealand](#) June 13, 2018 at 16:13**

Thanks for your comment. It was noted and will be reflected in the next phase of the National Action Plan.

Data driven policy development

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- Leverage data as a predictor of future outcomes
- Build models and open source these models, so others can help with determining their fit for the intended policy outcome, e.g. 3 strikes law - considering the potential consequences

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Openness in public service

Openness in public service - recognises that public servants are people too!

- There's more than one model for what the public service looks like (e.g. part timers from industry)
- Step change to "from this day forward you can be open"
- More guidance for public servants
- Value of neutral public service

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- expectation of open government information
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'Academic' Language

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Education in primary schools

- Open Day
- Learning about structure of government
- Part of the curriculum

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i ntegrated digital platforms

Integrated digital platforms = knowledge sharing

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Inter-agency collaboration

Inter-agency collaboration - Overcoming barriers

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Areas the Public Service should focus on on

- Easier engagement with low income households
- Communicating effectively to allow changes - work at grass roots - interact with everyday people
- New technology innovative business for sustainable priorities gaining market access
- Government and Public Service curriculum area taught at primary school level
- Non-physical contact for public services - digital
- How to commit to transparency without hindering the work of the Public Service too much.

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Areas we should focus on nationally over 2 years

- Accuracy of information
- civics education - classes at school
- accuracy of information
- focus on equitable access to bidding on government contracts
- presenting public infomation in an accessible and easily understood manner
- better data - highlight way that public can use and will be affected by data produced
- media responsibility for reputable and honest dissemination of public service goals and work programmes
- actively listening and appropriately acting on behalf of the public
- safety on roads.

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Public forums

Public forum for feedback

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Multi-lingual

Language Te Reo, Samoan, Chinese etc…

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Early education

 Getting kids educated about government and civics from an early age

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- ## **Co-design with the public**

 Co-designing government services with the public who are actually affected

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Co-operation and transparency

 Co-operation and transparency between agencies

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[Communication Channels](#)

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Communication channels that are applicable to changing society

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[School civics classes](#)

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School civics classes and model parliament

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Unified councils

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Unified councils to help support decision making at a national level

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Digital integration

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Open data - digital integration - digital services, incorporate in to schools' programmes

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Rural Development

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Rural development - open government

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[Consultation](#)

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Meaningful consultation (policy development) - Open Government in digestible format

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[Phones in Parliament](#)

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Allowed to take phones in to Parliament - into the Gallery on tours

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[Evaluation Processes](#)

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Run evaluation processes regularly and publish findings to ensure government processes have an opportunity to improve

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[Youth Engagement](#)

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Youth engagement - Youth parliament every year rather than every three

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Engaging with users of services

Engaging with users of services:

- Evaluations
- Working Groups
- Openly sharing these reports

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[Binding Citizens'-initiated referenda](#)

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- **Public Service should focus on raising community...**

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- **Interactive models created to raise awareness and...**

Interactive models created to raise awareness and interest in process

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[Accessibility of Information to the public](#)

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[Sharing knowledge within an agency](#)

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Multi-lingual

Multi-language spoken press releases available online and on social media

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School visits

Offer opportunities for school children to visit Ministers / Government and learn about the policy process.

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Visual/video comms

Visual/video comms (eg Snapchat) about government for youth and those with low literacy

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The IRM researcher recommends government expands its work with citizen-led groups to introduce citizenship education to increase democratic participation. The very first step would be for central government to commit to working with youth, ethnic groups, and local government to develop this commitment and its milestones.

This work could build on existing initiatives such as the October 2016 Civics, Citizenship and Political Literacy workshop, and could focus on a sub-national project in South Auckland, with specific goals for government and the community to improve voter participation in the 2019 local government elections.

Why the contribution is important

There is recent evidence that public distrust of government is growing and that voter participation in elections is declining. At the 2016 local and 2017 general elections, citizen-led groups initiated online and social media activities to encourage young and first-time voters to engage directly with issues. Government also hosted a Civics, Citizenship and Political Literacy workshop on 10 October 2016 in the Legislative Council Chamber at Parliament to listen to different perspectives and discuss next steps towards a civically engaged New Zealand. Ongoing work with the Civics, Citizenship and Political Literacy Working Group has involved the Ministry of Education and the Electoral

Commission. This work anticipates changed government practice, in particular, through developing citizenship education, supporting teaching and learning and working actively to mitigate public distrust in government. This kind of government initiative could lead to greater citizen participation and to increased democratic practice. It could build on the Aotearoa Youth Declaration developed in 2017 by UN Youth New Zealand.

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Include anti-corruption commitments in the next action plan

1. **Reform whistleblowing laws to increase awareness and protections for whistleblowers**

   There is public concern regarding insufficient protections for whistleblowers. While some consequential work on the Protected Disclosures Act (2000) has followed the recent whistleblower investigations in 2016, it is essential that the NZ government complete its review. Specifically, the NZ government could reform the current whistleblowing law to address the current barriers people face when raising public interest concerns and make the law itself easier to access and understand.

   Take measures to establish a public central register of company beneficial ownership

An important issue facing New Zealand is the exploitation of foreign companies and trusts by corrupt officials, tax evaders, etc. Including this issue in the next action plan will bolster New Zealand's anti- corruption efforts, which do not currently include a strategy for making a company beneficial ownership register public. A wider, public database of beneficial owners of companies and trusts will save costs and prevent corruption.

Why the contribution is important

Despite previous IRM recommendations, commitments on whistleblower protection have been largely absent.

It has been a year and half since New Zealand attended the Anti-Corruption Summit in London. Compared to other countries in attendance, New Zealand is falling behind in its commitments. A particular shortcoming is the Government's progress on developing a central public register of beneficial ownership.

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  [Develop standards for public consultation on...](#)

Develop standards for public consultation on policy initiatives

The IRM researcher recommends the NZ government co-create, adopt, and implement government policy to set out minimum standards for public consultation on policy initiatives and changes to service delivery. This policy should draw on international standards as articulated by the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2).

The next action plan should set a strategic goal to raise its IAP2 level from the present 'involve' or 'consult' to 'collaborate'. This could be fully realised over the third and fourth action plans.

The 2018-2020 action plan could include milestones to:

- trial new approaches to public engagement in policy making, linking the current commitments 1, 5, and 7. This would move beyond the internal focus of commitment 7; look to developing the next OGP Action Plan (commitment 5); and progress realising the vision for commitment 1 (open participatory budgeting). It could bring together the currently somewhat unconnected OGP activities involving the three central agencies (Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, the State Services Commission, and the Treasury) and the Department of Internal Affairs;

- review NZ and international experience in direct public engagement in public policy design and implementation (including the innovative use of new ICT tools to facilitate two-way interactions and deliberation).

Why the contribution is important

The previous IRM researcher recommended that the NZ government 'create a set of robust and government-wide practices in collaboration with civil society concerning timely consultation on new bills, regulation, and policy'. This recommendation was not addressed, nor was it integrated into the current action plan.

by [NAP2_IRM .](#) on April 19, 2018 at 11:54AM

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   [Reform official information laws and refocus the Open...](#)

Reform official information laws and refocus the Open Data and Information Programme to publish social, environmental, and budget expenditure data

The IRM researcher recommends the following actions when amending the OIA:

- Align OIA eligibility for requests with eligibility of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e. removing the residence and citizenship requirements to make a request);
- Apply the OIA to certain parliamentary information, excluding Members of Parliament's constituency work;
- Add proactive release to the OIA protection against certain actions (§48);
- Amend the OIA withholding grounds (§6) to make them subject to a public interest

   override;

- Extend the scope so the OIA applies directly to private organisations providing

public services under contract; and

- Provide the Ombudsman with powers to specify what kinds of information

  government agencies should proactively publish.

The Open Government Information and Data Programme makes public government-held information for people, communities, and businesses to reuse. While this and the first action plan have addressed open data access and practices, the IRM researcher recommends that the next action plan also include commitments on open data and focus on identified user demand. This should include regular open format publishing of government's open and aggregated social (including housing) data, as anticipated in the previous IRM researcher's recommendation three and go some way towards addressing the previous Government's decision to stop publishing *The Social Report*. Reporting on environmental outcomes should also continue, and reporting on actual budget expenditure and public procurement contracts should be expanded, as suggested during consultation on the first and second action plans. As these datasets are assessed annually in the Open Data Barometer (ODB), this activity may also improve the government's low ODB implementation score (currently only 58%).

Why the contribution is important

Commitments on access to information and open data practices have been a focus of New Zealand national action plans. While New Zealand traditionally has had high Global Right to Information (RTI) ratings, Section II of this report clearly demonstrates how the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) has been criticized for allowing government agencies to delay information requests, for requiring fees and for excluding some parliamentary information. Due to these criticisms, reforming information laws is a top priority for the new Government.

by NAP2_IRM . on April 19, 2018 at 11:52AM

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[Expand the Expert Advisory Panel to include greater…](#)

Expand the Expert Advisory Panel to include greater civil society representation

The IRM researcher recommends the EAP's current Terms of Reference be amended to add civil society representatives elected by civil society and to ensure that all EAP members undertake regular OGP engagement with the public. This will provide a broader civil society voice than at present and broadcast government's public engagement commitment. Membership within the EAP should also be regularly rotated and include people who can advise on online access requirements for those with disabilities. The EAP could consider and recommend to Government what incentives could be offered to encourage the broader civil society voice.

This would require an increased budget and resources for implementing NZ's OGP activities, assisting civil society to contribute, and increasing the profile of OGP in NZ.

Why the contribution is important

There is not enough evidence that the Expert Advisory Panel (EAP) has adequately fulfilled its role as a forum to enable regular multi-stakeholder consultation on OGP implementation. While the EAP was involved in the development and implementation of the 2016-2018 action plan, there is no evidence that the EAP is seeking out the views of other CSOs or the general public when conducting its activities. This goes against the co-creation spirit of OGP .

All OGP Independent Review Mechanism reports include five recommendations about the next OGP action planning cycle. Governments are expected to respond to these recommendations.

by [NAP2_IRM .](#) on April 19, 2018 at 11:50AM

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Access to services

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Better utilisation of existing personal information and business information to improve ease of access to governement services.

Once users accept their details may be shared across government databases demonstrate how that sharing can add value without being too pervasive or invasive in respect of privacy.

An example might be entering an IRD or NZ Business Number into a linked system which would then offer the public services that might be relevant to you perosnally (IRD) or your business (IRD or NZBN)

Why the contribution is important

Taxpayers fund an immense number of public services that can help improve their lives or business - but govt is dense complex and hard to access. It is probably critical for trust in government to ensure that people are more easily able to know about and use these services, otherwise provision becomes inefficient (if the public dont know about a service how can it be a benefit to them). It may require a more comprehensively outward looking approach from government rather than a government centric approach.

by KirkHope on April 18, 2018 at 10:55AM

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Proactive release of Ministerial weekly briefings

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All Ministers will release their weekly briefings (with redactions consistent with the OIA) two months after receipt.

Why the contribution is important

Ministers receive a weekly briefing for each portfolio, with information on upcoming policy issues, meetings, OIA requests, and other matters. These briefings are a rich source of information about the government's planned actions, and releasing them would significantly improve transparency. The timing needs to be balanced between timeliness and transparency; from past OIA requests, 2 months seems to give a good balance between the information being current and able to be acted on by the public, and material no longer being under active consideration. Where material is still under active consideration it should be redacted in accordance with s9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA, but an updated version should be released when it no longer needs to be redacted.

by [IdiotSavant](#) on April 12, 2018 at 02:01PM

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  [Expand OIA eligibility](#)

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The Official Information Act 1982 should be amended to provide that any person (whether a citizen of New Zealand, resident in New Zealand or otherwise) can make a request for information.

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[Establish a public register of company and trust…](#)

Establish a public register of company and trust beneficial ownership information

The New Zealand Government will establish a publicly accessible central registry of company and trust beneficial ownership information. The registry will contain information about who ultimately owns and controls companies, trusts, and other legal entities.

Why the contribution is important

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Establish a working party to review the schedules to the Official Information Act 1982 and Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and other relevant legislation to ensure that all agencies which should be within the scope of the legislation are included.

Why the contribution is important

While most government and local authority agencies are within the scope of the Official Information Act 1982 and Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, some are not. The Law Commission's 2012 review of the Official Information Act ("The Public's Right to Know", R125) identified several discrepencies, including various boards, local-authority owned port companies, and crown-owned companies such as Air New Zealand. It recommended a thorough review of the schedules and exemptions to the OIA and LGOIMA to ensure consistency and ensure that all appropriate agencies were included.

The Ministry of Justice is responsible for the OIA and should be responsible for this commitment.

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   [Establish a public register of lobbyists and require...](#)

Establish a public register of lobbyists and require disclosure of lobbying contacts

The government should establish a public register of lobbyists and of lobbying contacts to allow this sort of behind-the-scenes influence to be monitored.

Why the contribution is important

Political lobbyists exert a significant influence on policy in New Zealand, much of it behind the scenes. This influence corrodes our democracy, leading to suspicion that wealthy vested interests exert undue influence over the formation of policy.

Many countries combat this problem by requiring lobbyists to be registered and lobbying contacts to be disclosed. In 2012 the New Zealand Parliament considered such a proposal, in the form of Keith Locke's Lobbying Disclosure Bill, but it was defeated.

A measure of this nature would increase both public integrity and corporate accountability, while implementing the OGP values of accountability and transparency. The Ministry of Justice is probably best-suited to deliver this commitment. Milestones could include the introduction and passage of legislation, the establishment of the register, and the first regular report from the registrar.

by IdiotSavant on April 12, 2018 at 01:50PM

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