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Public Consultation

- Best EIA practice involves and engages the public at numerous points throughout the process with a two-way exchange of information and views.
- Consist of informational meetings, public hearings, and opportunities to provide written comments about a proposed project.
- There are no consistent rules for public participation among current EIA systems.
- There can be variations in the quality and extent of public involvement in the EIA process, depending on the type of project being undertaken



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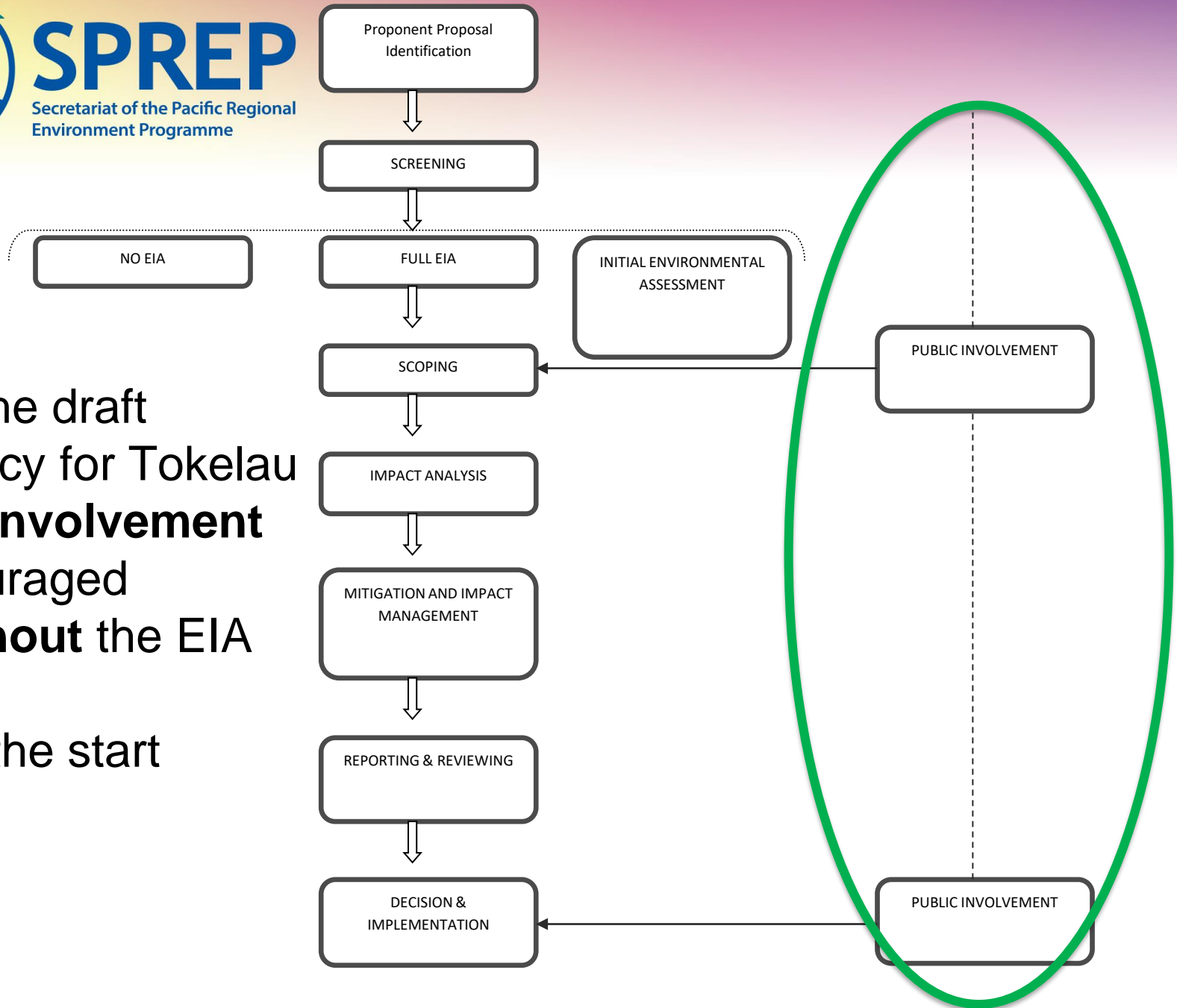


Source: Bradley and Swaddling (2016), Marine Policy



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Under the draft
EIA Policy for Tokelau
Public Involvement
is encouraged
throughout the EIA
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Why involve the Public?

- **Provide data and information that is essential for the assessment of impacts on the physical and social environment**
- **Reduce conflicts** through the early identification of contentious issues
- Help to identify local citizens and groups with special expertise
- **Provide historical perspective** to current environmental conditions
- Provide criteria for evaluating the significance of identified impacts
- Suggest forms and help organizing mechanisms for public participation
- **Help to define the scope of work** and schedule for the overall assessment process
- **Identify and evaluate potential mitigation measures & Increase public confidence in the EIA process.**



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Public Participation Techniques

1. Media techniques: radio, television, newsletters, and advertisements
2. Research techniques: sample polls, community profiles
3. Political techniques
4. Large-group meetings.

Levels and Forms of Public Involvement

- **Informing**—one way flow of information from the proponent to the public
- **Consulting**—two way flow of information between the proponent and the public with opportunities for the public to express views on the proposal
- **Participating** —interactive exchange between the proponent and the public encompassing shared analysis and agenda setting and the
- **Negotiating**—face to face discussion between the proponent and key stakeholders to build consensus and reach a mutually acceptable resolution of issues, for example on a package of impact mitigation and compensation measures.



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Public engagement should meet 4 objectives:

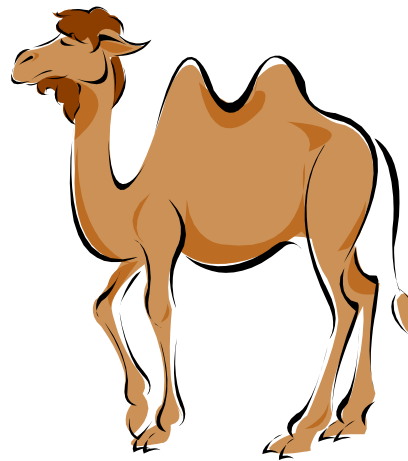
1. Familiarise stakeholders with the project planning & approval process – the EIA process
2. Obtain constructive input from stakeholders on potential project impacts
3. Obtain feedback from stakeholders on project design & impact mitigation measures
4. Build & maintain constructive relationships between all parties



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Engaging public stakeholders: the **CAMEL** approach!





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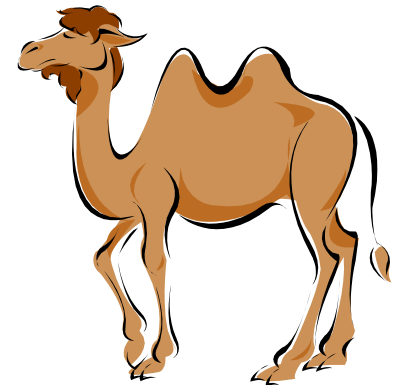
Communicate clearly & honestly


Acknowledge different opinions

Map shared interests & goals

Encourage two-way dialogue

Listen to the land & sea





Can I provide
input into project
design?

I want you to have a
good understanding
of the EIA process

What issues
can I
influence?

Communicate clearly & honestly



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I want to share my ideas & concerns & hear yours too!





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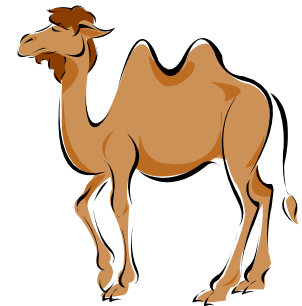
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