

# Open and inclusive policy making: an OECD update

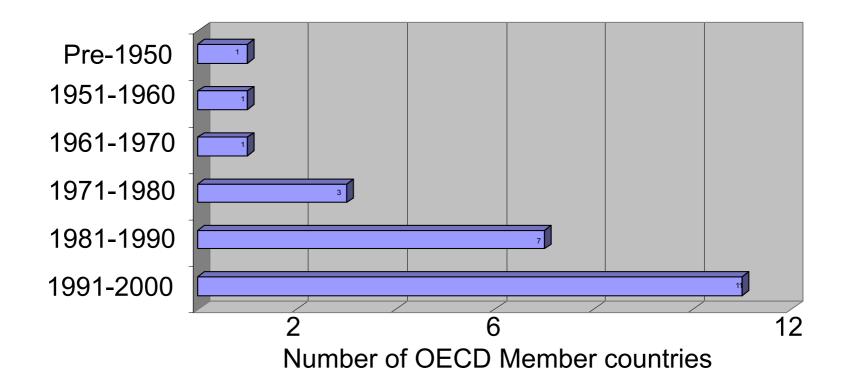
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# Participaton is powered by information

#### Date of first introduction of FOI laws





# Why bother with public engagement?

### Instrumental

- Better outcomes at less cost
- Innovative solutions
- Responding to greater diversity ۲
- Leveraging resources and 2005 OECD Ministerial meeting
- **Higher compliance**

### Intrinsic

- Democracy
- Greater trust

"More open and inclusive policy making can strengthen trust in government, thereby contributing to social stability"

Rotterdam



### Open & inclusive policy making

#### **Working definition**

Open and inclusive policy making is transparent, accessible and responsive to as wide a range of citizens as possible.

#### **Key questions**

- 1. What are the main **barriers** for the "willing but unable" and for those who are "able but unwilling"?
- 2. How have OECD governments applied the 2001 OECD 10 guiding **principles** for information, consultation and active participation?



# Who are we engaging?



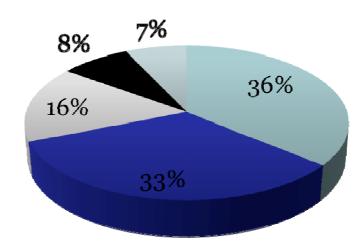
Ratio of population over 65 in Canada

2000 = 11.92005 = 12.52030 = 23.3





#### Profiling engagement in UK

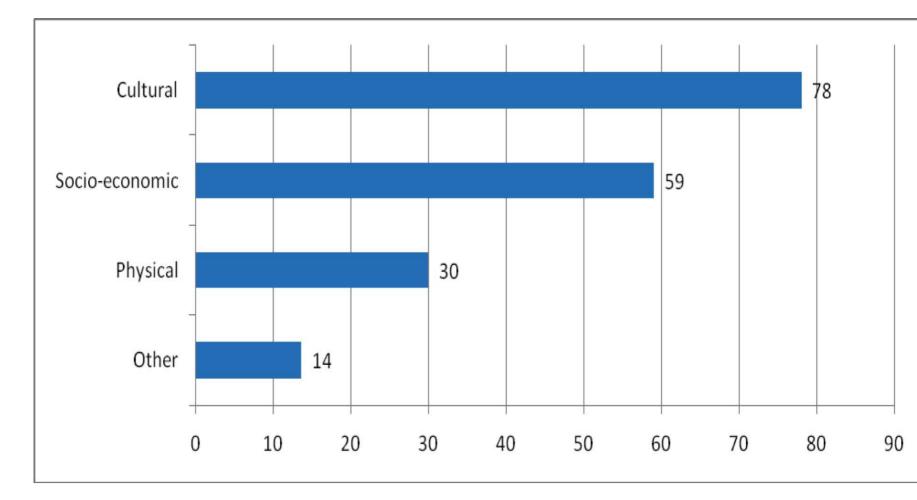


- Community bystanders
- Passive participators
- Community conscious
- Politically engaged
- Active protestors

Harrison M. and M. Singer (2007)



## Why don't people participate?

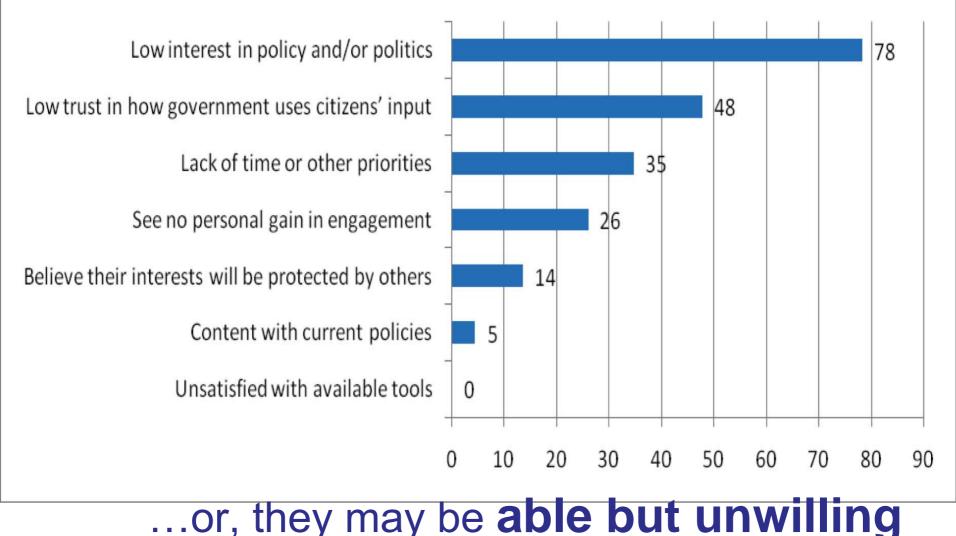


### They may be **willing but unable**...

Source: OECD



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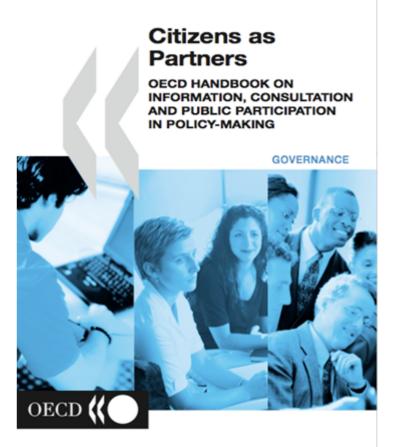


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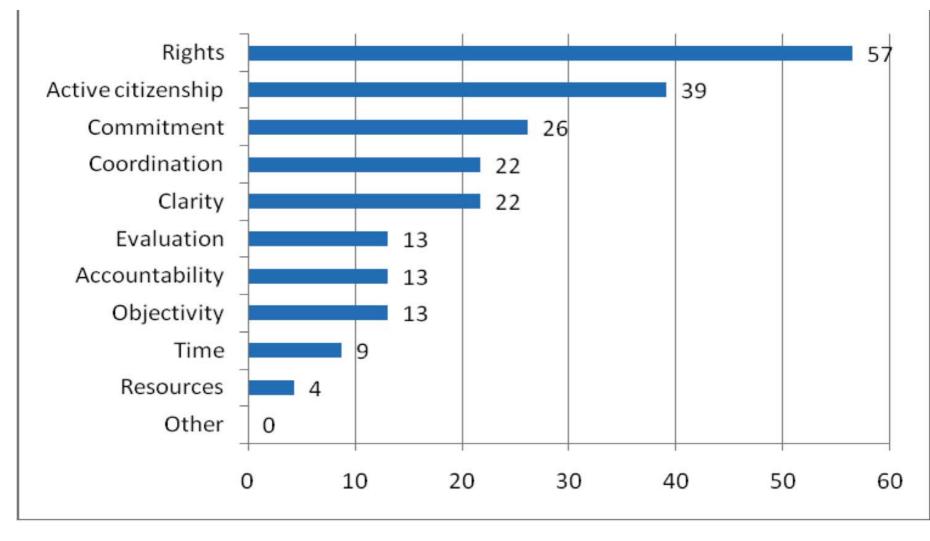
# OECD guiding principles (2001)

- ✓Commitment
- ✓ Rights
- ✓ Clarity
- ✓Time
- ✓ Objectivity
- ✓ Resources
- ✓Co-ordination
- ✓Accountability
- ✓ Evaluation
- ✓Active citizenship



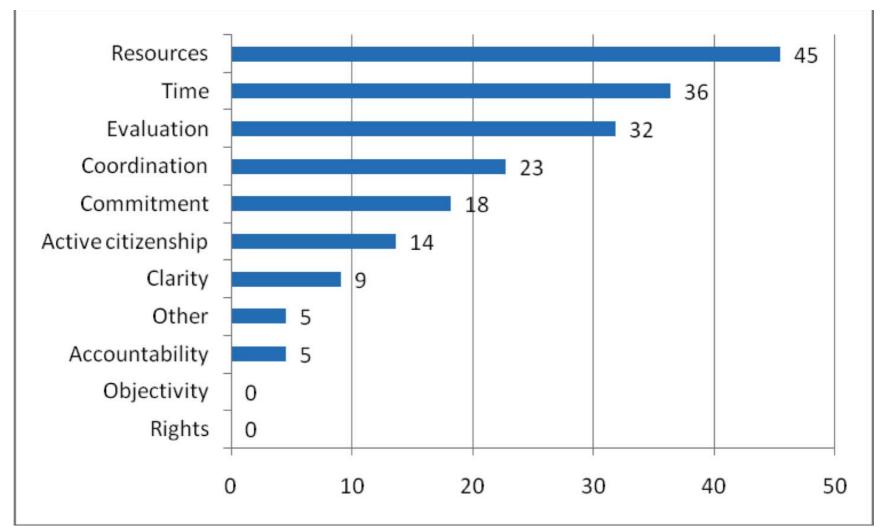


### Most progress in applying OECD principles



Source: OECD

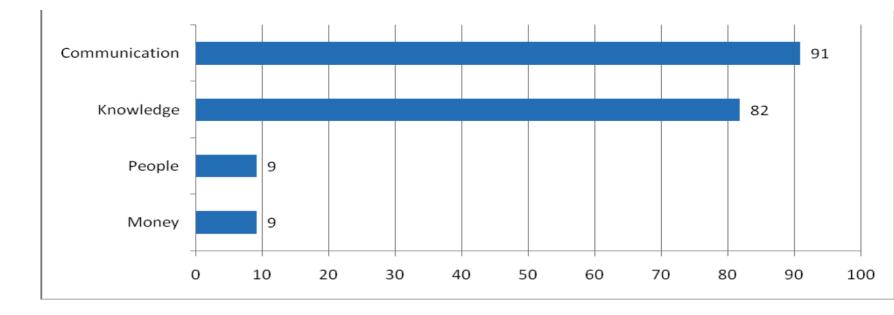
Most difficulty in applying OECD principles



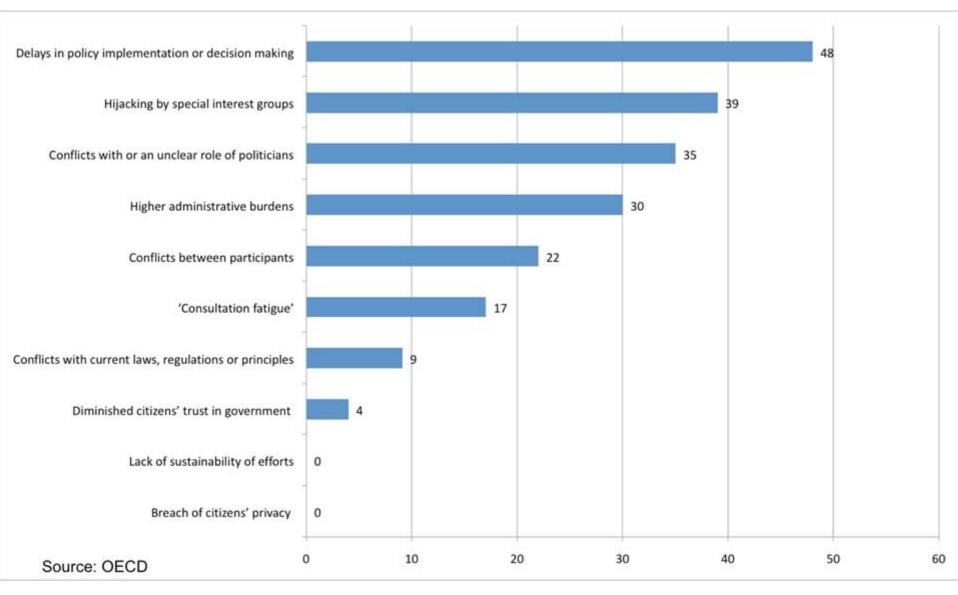
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### **Resources invested**



### Risks of open and inclusive policy making





## Civic Participation Programme (2003-7)



## HAVU project



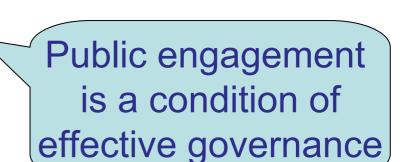
#### Vision for 2012

In 2012 the interplay between citizens and political and administrative actors consists of a continuous, natural and valued interaction to discuss societal issues and make decisions.

The tools, means and methods for interaction, communication and contacts are **a natural part of everyday life**.





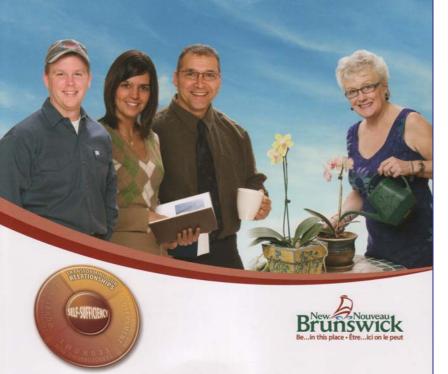




#### It's More Than Talk

Listen, Learn and Act A New Model for Public Engagement

The Final Report of the Public Engagement Initiative April 2008





# Journey to the edge

online participation in New Zealand and other stories



Canberra

Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand

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New Zealand





### When government engages

#### **Online participation - an introduction**





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# A journey in 4 stages



hearing voices



building community drafting naked



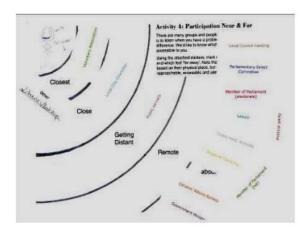
test driving



# hearing voices

#### Why participate?

- •"I'm a bit of a joiner junkie... " (gemma)
- •"How would they ever know if you didn't tell them?" (harold)
- •"I'm not as active as I want to be, but I'm interested." (rangi)



#### What makes participation satisfying?

- •"I want feedback" (dick)
- "Success breeds momentum" (anne)
- "I gained new skills" (yan)





# building community





# drafting naked



What's a wiki? http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dnL00TdmLY



# test driving policy





<b>Police Act</b>		Go
	Building for a modern New Zealand Police	Print
Wiki Home Wiki Policing Act 2008 Resources	Main / Police Act Review Wiki Home Page	Finit
About Police Act Home	A wiki Act was launched in September 2007, as an innovative way to capture public views on what a new Policing Act look like.	t might
Introduction Background What others say Media resources Consultation Youth voices FAQ's Contacts	We got an overwhelming response, especially after news of the wiki spread internationally.	
	The cyber conversation stretched far and wide. Contributors came up with ideas for a new Act which covered a broad range topics, from high-level governance to day-to-day administration.	
	After the huge amount of interest generated, the fully-open wiki has now run its course. The logical next step was to consolidate everyone's suggestions, drawing on the final version of the wiki Act, and back-capturing ideas from the wiki's history.	
	The resulting wiki Act, as at 1 October 2007, is accessible from this site as a document of record. Along with other in traditional consultation channels, it's a resource that can feed into the upcoming parliamentary law-making process.	puts fror
	While a great deal has been gained from this initial use of wiki technology as part of the Police Act Review, it doesn't l end there. If you'd like to keep adding ideas, please email us (policeact@police.govt.nz) with your suggestions.	have to
	So, thanks for your interest, and get in touch if you've still got thoughts to add to the mix!	



# insights from the edge

- Innovation/leadership
- New ideas/wider source



- Agency capacity/implementation
- Living document/permanent beta
- Testing/learning/sharing
- wiki platform daunting for some



failure to reach out to Māori, Pasifika and other ethnic groups



# enabling transformation

- Transformed government will call for a different way of working – one where networks, not hierarchy, are the focus. This raises fundamental questions about the future. Does the 'new system' threaten the integrity of the existing one? More specifically, what are the implications for personal privacy or parliamentary accountability? Are there other ways of meeting these accountabilities? If so, what are they and how do they work? What is the balance of cost and benefit?
- These questions arise from e-government, but their answers require discourse and a work programme that go beyond e-government."

# Who will drive this transformation?



Report, view, or discuss local problems (like graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting)

Enter a nearby postcode, or street name and area:

#### How to report a problem

- 1. Enter a nearby postcode, or street name and area
- 2. Locate the problem on a map of the area
- 3. Enter details of the problem
- 4. We send it to the council on your behalf

#### FixMvStreet updates

#### Photos of recent reports





# Our common challenges

- Understanding people and preferences
- Adapting to change
- Mainstreaming public engagement
- Ensuring coherence across government
- Integrating user-generated content
- Leveraging co-production





# Our assets

### The power of (government held) information



The Government's Response to *The Power of Information:*  1997 Policy framework for New Zealand Governmentheld information

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DIGITAL STRATEGY

### The power of us









# Our options

- Go where the action is
- Support innovation inside/out



- Build safe space for pilots but avoid paralysis
- Plan to mainstream/upscale/disseminate
- Harness leading edge users
- Build collaborative platforms and culture
- Use stories, foster networks and mentors
- Do sound risk assessment
- Prepare to manage success!



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