

DISCUSSION SESSION

Designing participatory processes: difficulties, dilemmas and solutions

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In an increasingly complex operating environment characterised by uncertainty and ‘messy’ problems such as diffuse pollution, flooding and drought, catchment management needs to become more integrated, adaptive, and participatory....

and yet the call for a more participatory approach raises some challenging questions and dilemmas

What *should be* the purpose of stakeholder involvement in catchment management?

How to ensure fair representation and involvement in the process?

At what stage in the catchment management process should stakeholders be involved?

What are the key components of an effective process of stakeholder involvement?

**What kinds of participatory processes
are best suited to catchment
management?**

How can the demand for greater stakeholder involvement be reconciled with the limited time available for producing and implementing catchment plans?