

A vibrant tropical beach scene. In the foreground, a sandy beach curves along the left side, with the shadow of a tree cast upon it. The water is a clear, bright turquoise, with gentle waves lapping at the shore. In the background, there are lush green hills or mountains under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. Two prominent palm trees are in the upper half of the frame, their trunks leaning towards the center. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and idyllic.

# **Participatory process in developing CSO positions**


# Origins of “participatory” discourse

## Development:

- Rise in alternative development approaches. Reaction against conventional “economistic” approach
- Participant observation (anthropology)---  
Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA)---  
Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)

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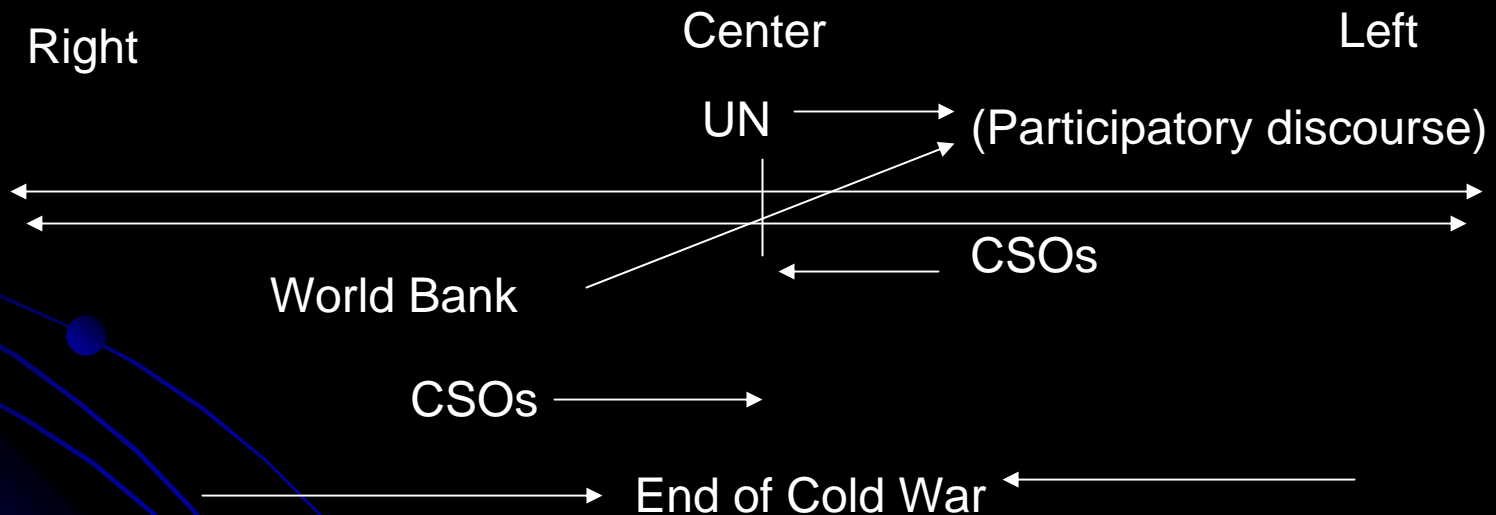
## Democratization

- Political and social liberation movements  
60s to 70s
  - Reaction against formal democracy
  - Shift from dominance of state institutions
  - People participation
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# Assumptions

- Direct people engagement and participation
- People empowerment
- People ownership
- Democratization of process
- Devolve, decentralize control
- Diffusion of power: Power-status----Power everywhere

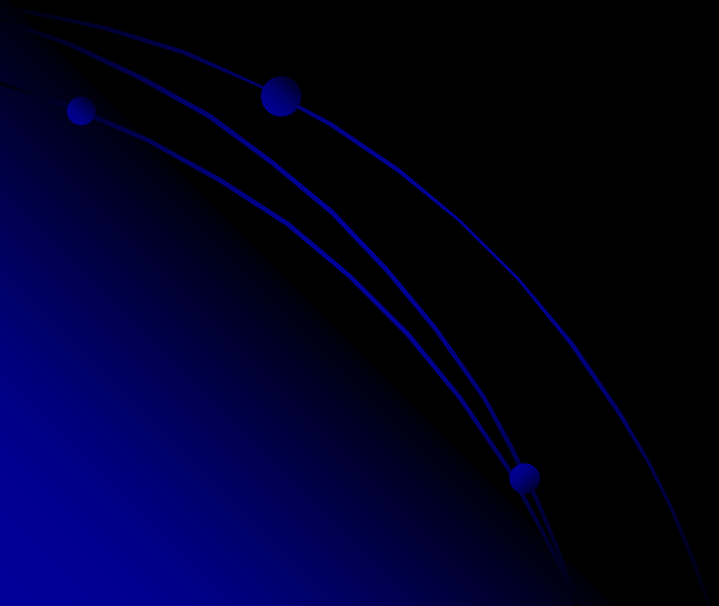
# Shift in global participatory discourse



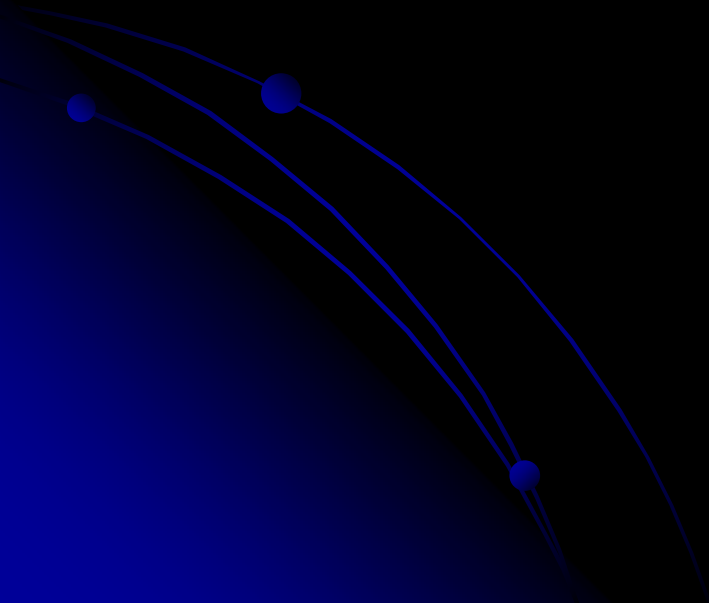
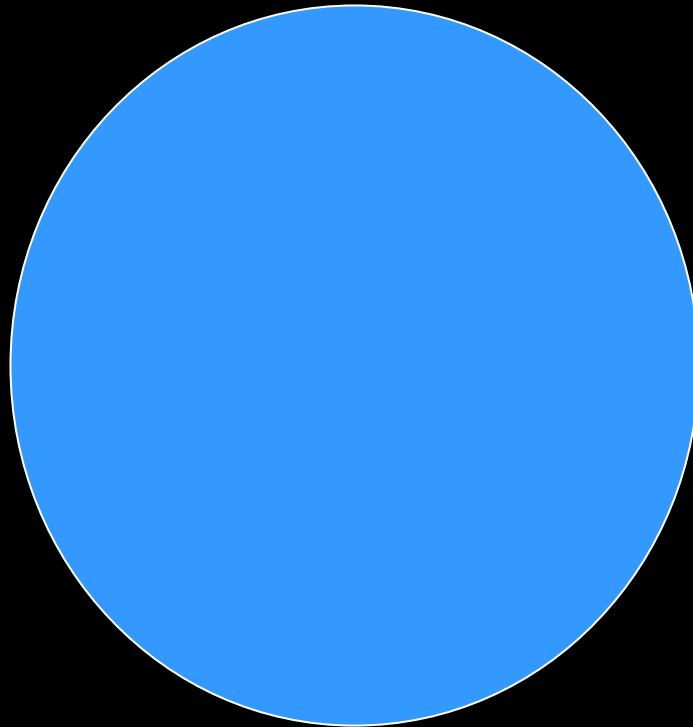
# Types of participatory processes

- Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)
  - Participatory Learning Approach (PLA)
  - Participatory Budgeting (PB)
  - Participatory Democracy (PD)
  - Participatory Peace Appraisal (PPA)
  - Participatory Monitoring
  - Etc...etc....etc....
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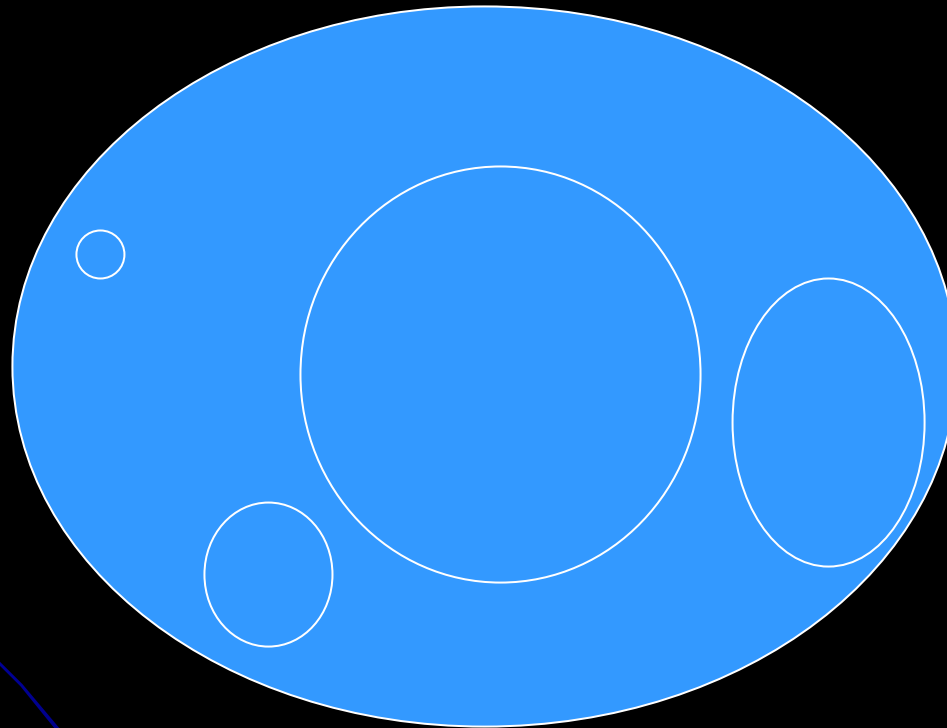
# Participatory approaches to CSO position in Pacific



# Pacific participatory circle

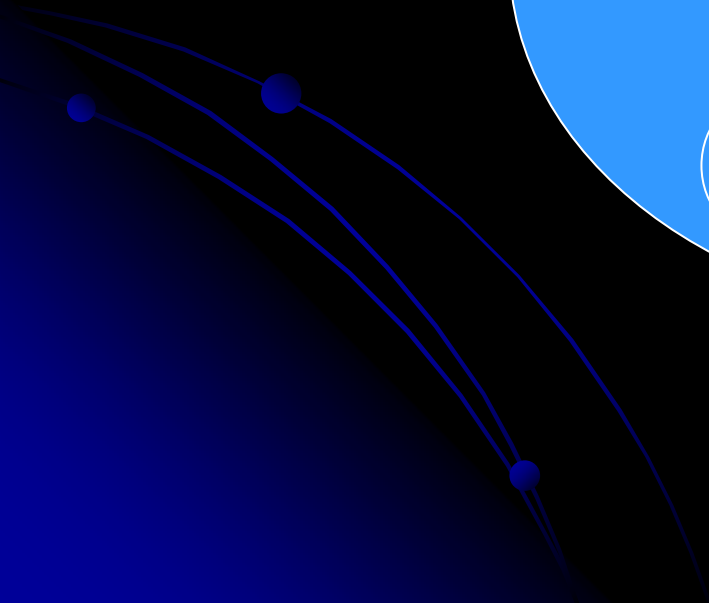


# CSOs--society




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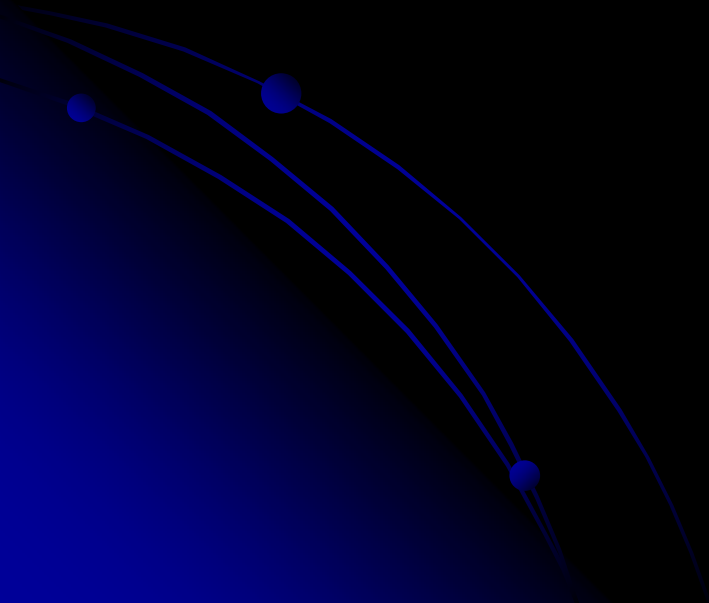


# Representation

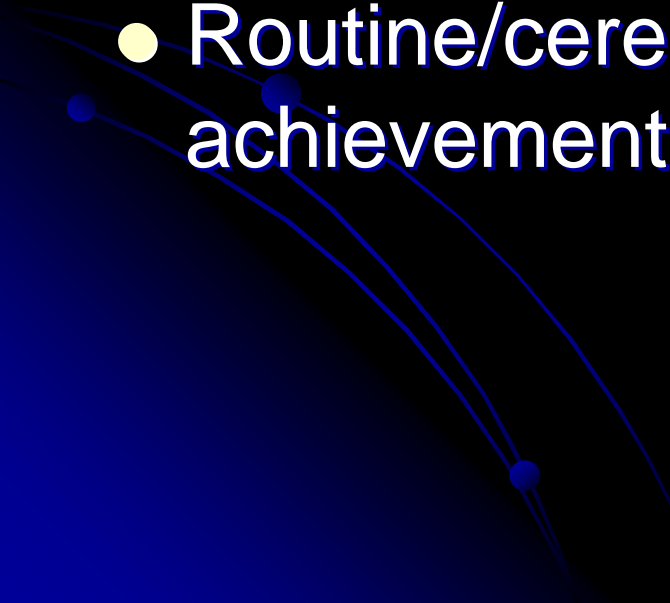
- Size-large, small
  - Diversity, homogeneity
  - Interest based, principle based
  - Whose voice
  - Legitimacy
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# Participatory advocacy

- Engaging, facilitating, mobilizing public views
- People centered advocacy vs leaders centered advocacy



# Activities and networks

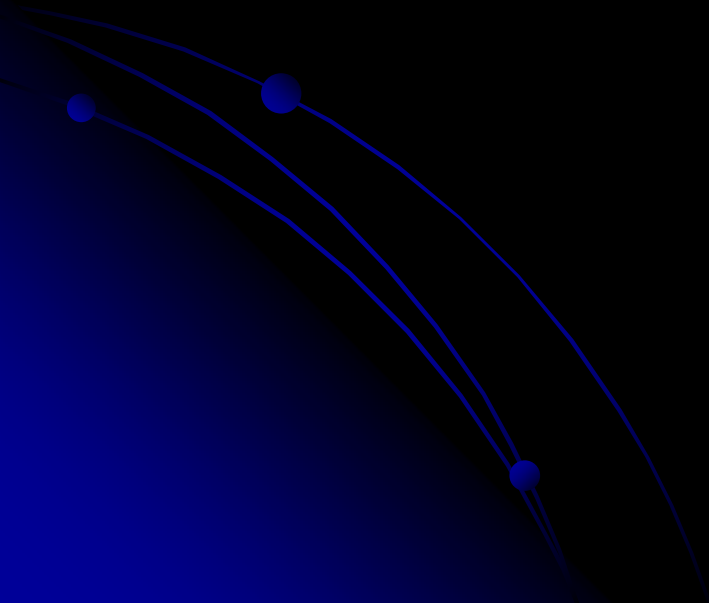
- Service for members only or for public at large
  - Open or close democratic space
  - Open links or limit engagement
  - Routine/ceremonial or innovative and achievement based
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# Levels of engagement

- Members only
  - State
  - Regional
  - International
  - All levels
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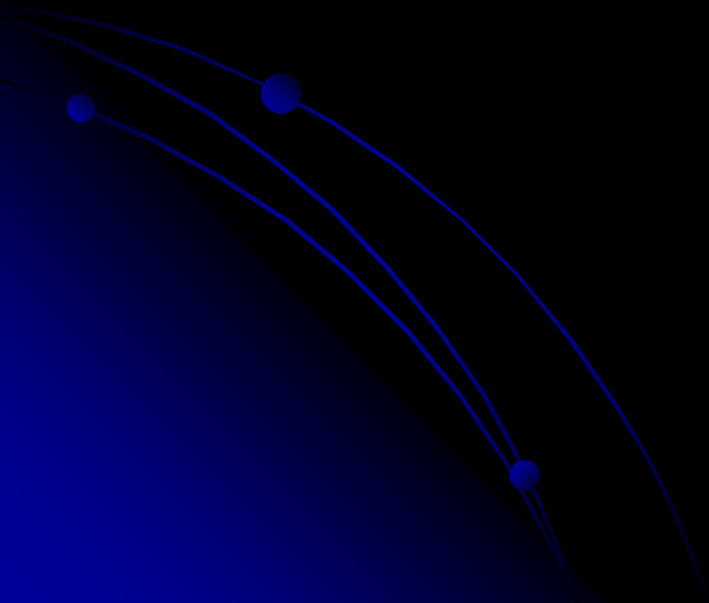
# Ideology

- Political, religious, social
- Explicit, subtle
- Inclusionist, exclusionist
- Participatory



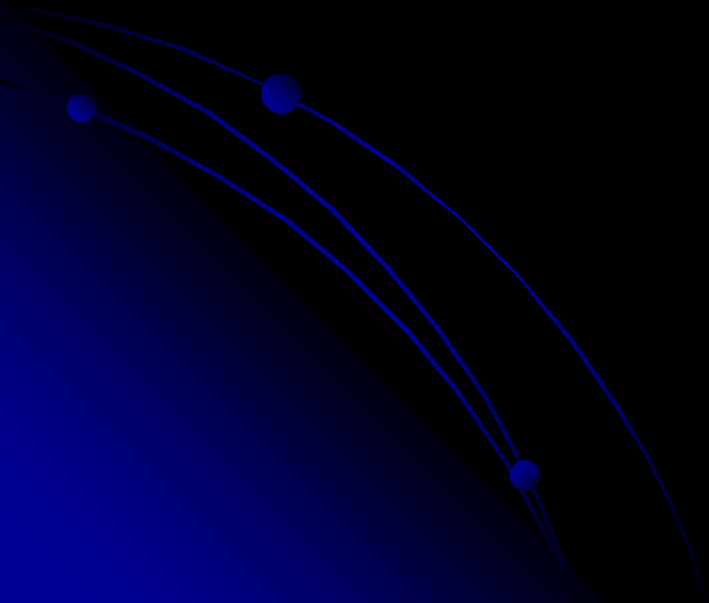
# Political relationships

- Nature of political links: “Closed” or “open”
- Vertical or horizontal links
- Political parties, political groups
- Enhance or undermine participation

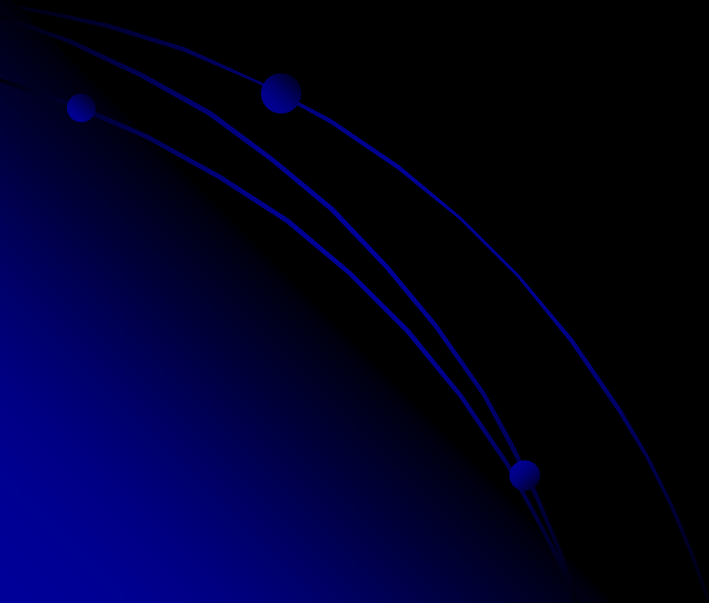


# Internal political process

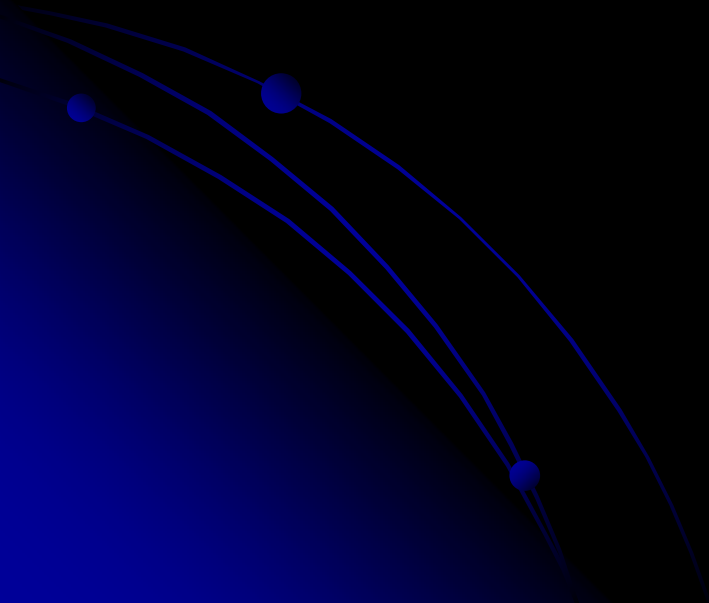
- Internal democracy or autocracy?
- Transparency and accountability
- Participatory



# Capacity

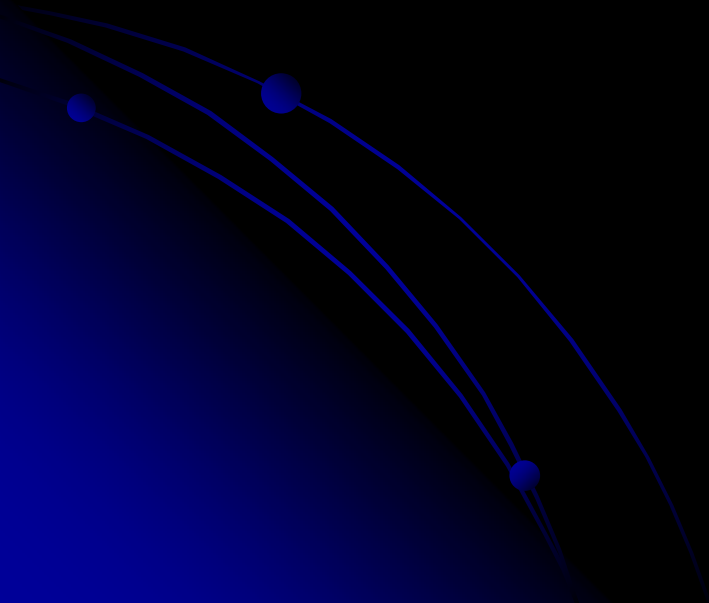
- Structure conducive to public engagement
  - Skills for community outreach
  - Skills for citizen mobilization
  - Capacity to articulate views of public
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# Public participation

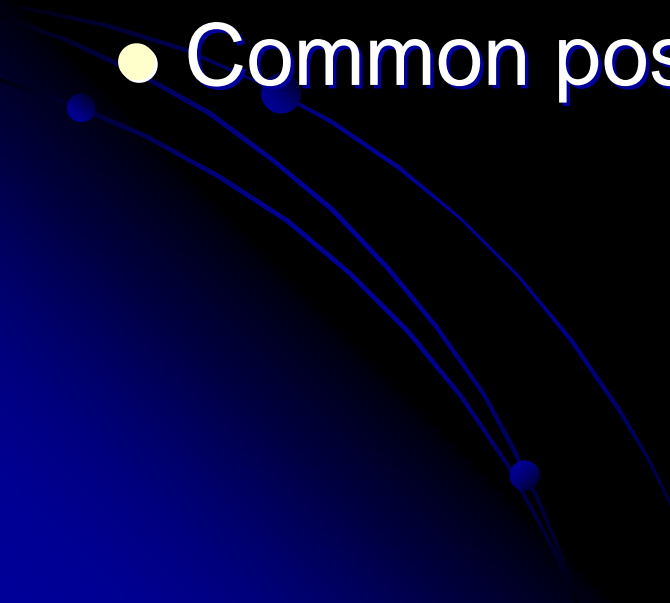
- Will of the people?
  - Interest of public
  - Public hearing and submission
  - Collection and assessment of public views
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# Public impact

- Response from people engaged
- Extent of impact: Local, broad



# Participatory/Collective voice

- Formal/normal participatory mechanism
  - Participatory “circle” engagement
  - Participatory appraisal of conflict
  - Participatory solution
  - Common position?
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Thank you for listening

