

# QUICK REFERENCE TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TOOLS

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TOOLS	ATTRIBUTES														PARTICULARS									
	BREADTH				DEPTH					OUTCOMES														
	Representation	Accessibility	Renewal	Anonymity	Listening and Dialogue	Flexibility	Deliberation	Transparency and Credibility	Relationship Building	Relevance	Effectiveness	Mutual Learning	Reciprocity	Cost-effectiveness	Effectively deals with conflict	Requires professional facilitator	Time required for planning	Time required to implement	Cost	Social Science expertise required	Methodological rigour	Potential for cost sharing	Scale	Stage in process
INDIRECT:																								
Discussion Paper	L	M	L	L	L	L	L	M	L	M	M	M	L	M	N	N	L	L	M	N	L	M	I	E
Comment Sheet	M	H	L	H	L	M	L	L	L	L	M	L	L	H	N	N	L	L	L	N	L	L	S	T
Toll-free line	M	H	H	H	M	M	L	L	L	M	M	M	L	H	M	N	L	M	M	N	L	M	I	T
Internet — personal submission	M	M	H	H	L	L	L	M	L	L	M	L	L	H	N	N	L	L	L	N	L	L	L	T
Referenda	H	H	L	H	L	L	L	H	L	LH	M	L	L	M	N	N	H	M	H	N	M	M	L	E
Survey	H	H	L	H	L	L	L	M	L	H	M	L	L	M	M	N	H	M	H	Y	H	M	L	T
DIRECT (Small Group):																								
Public Advisory Committee	M	M	M	L	H	H	H	M	H	H	M	M	H	M	M	Y	M	H	M	N	M	L	S	T
Focus Group	M	L	L	M	H	M	H	M	L	M	M	H	H	M	N	Y	M	L	M	Y	H	M	A	T
Workshop	M	M	M	L	H	H	H	H	H	M	M	H	M	H	M	M	H	M	M	N	L	M	A	T
Internet — group discussion	M	M	H	M	M	M	M	L	L	M	M	M	L	H	N	N	L	M	L	N	L	M	I	T
Round Table	M	M	M	L	M	M	H	H	M	H	M	H	H	M	M	Y	H	H	M	N	L	M	L	E
Design Charrette	L	L	L	L	H	M	H	H	H	M	H	M	H	M	Y	Y	H	H	H	M	H	M	S	M
Public Multi-criteria Analysis (MCA)	H	M	M	L	H	M	M	H	M	M	H	H	H	H	Y	Y	H	H	H	Y	H	M	S	M
Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)	L	H	L	L	H	M	H	H	H	H	H	H	M	H	Y	Y	M	H	H	N	H	M	S	L
Citizen Jury	M	L	L	L	H	M	H	H	M	H	H	H	H	H	Y	Y	H	M	H	Y	H	M	I	E
Task Force/Legislative Committee	L	L	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	H	M	M	M	H	Y	M	L	M	L	N	L	L	L	E
DIRECT (Large Group):																								
Open House	L	H	H	M	M	H	M	L	L	L	L	L	L	M	N	N	M	M	M	N	L	L	S	T
Public Hearing	M	H	L	L	M	L	M	H	L	H	M	M	M	M	M	M	H	H	H	N	L	L	A	E
Town Hall Meeting	M	H	L	M	M	M	M	M	L	M	L	M	L	M	N	Y	L	L	L	N	L	M	I	E
Deliberative Polling	H	M	L	H	H	M	H	H	M	H	H	H	H	M	M	Y	H	L	H	Y	H	H	L	E

H / M / L = HIGH / MEDIUM / LOW

Y / N / M = YES / NO / MAYBE

E / M / L / T = EARLY / MIDDLE / LATE / THROUGHOUT

APPROPRIATE GEOGRAPHY:  
L = LARGE (National; Provincial)  
S = SMALL (community; planning district)  
I = INTERMEDIATE (region; license area)  
A = ALL