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OVERVIEW

- Messages
- My perspective
- Ecologically Sustainable Development
- Social Impact Assessment & ESD
- Infrastructure- cultural contribution?
Impact assessment compartmentalises ESD-economic/environmental/social impacts

Can infrastructure contribute to culture? Can it be playful and fun, have legacy value? Define a city, a place?
MY PERSPECTIVE

- Social and Community Planning consultant
  + Town planner
  + Member of Qld Board for Urban Places
  + Rational process
  + Plan for certainty

- Planning Educator & Researcher
  + Reflect, Think & Review

- Values
  + Local knowledge can contribute to planning, design & infrastructure projects
A balance that integrates social wellbeing, economic development and environmental protection

Source: adapted from Sustainable Planning Act 2009, Division 2, Part 8, p45
ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ENDURING

EQUITABLE

Viable

IMPACT ASSESSMENT - CONCEPTUALISED

DECISIONS FOR ESD

SOCIAL

ENVIRONMENTAL

ECONOMIC

SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSOR

- Often isolated from other assessors (environmental & economic)
  
  + Disciplinary differences (social science, economics, physical sciences)
  + Methodological differences (data and measurement, qualitative, certainty & credibility)
  + Physical/Organisational distance
  + Scale of project can influence the process
SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- Rational process-
  + Scope and Profile
  + Engage
  + Predict Impacts
  + Assess Impacts - likelihood, magnitude, longevity
  + Mitigate worse impacts and Extend the best

- Irrational Communities?
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Communities as passive objects of research, desktop SIA is feasible, probably quite common

Consultant

- Limited integration with other assessors and assessment results
- Move on to the next project
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- ESD - A balance that integrates social wellbeing, economic development and environmental protection

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- Impact Assessment – often limited opportunity to integrate or determine the balance of these 3 imperatives

- Vulnerable to political ‘capture’ & uncertainty

- Interpretation of ESD - the Project decision makers, OCG, politicians
CULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY

- CULTURE- the fourth pillar of sustainability?

- INFRASTRUCTURE- changes the landscape
  + Outlives us, a legacy of now

- Opportunity for:
  + Celebration of cultural identity
  + Playfulness and fun
  + Quality design
#19 of 143 attractions in Brisbane
tripadvisor.com.au website

Story Bridge, 1940
RANKS HIGHER THAN WEST END AND CUSTOMS HOUSE- BRISBANE ATTRACTIONS

✓ It’s a small little Brisbane icon and probably widely travelled as a bridge between either side of river, its beautiful at night. we used it for my sons wedding photo shoot 2 years ago

✓ She may not be the Harbour Bridge but she's still grand. The Story Bridge Climb is a must. Makes you appreciate her even more.

✓ Just love The Story bridge and the view it offers of Brisbane, it is a very nostalgic piece of Brisbane and is a beloved landmark, I have a fear of heights so have not done the climb but I imagine it would be fantastic

✓ I've not actually climbed the Story Bridge myself (mortal fear of heights) but it's one of only a few in the world you can climb. But it can be well viewed from the City Cats. It is also oft used for fireworks.

Brisbane’s Kurilpa Bridge has been judged the world’s best transport project at the World Architectural Awards in Barcelona (11/2011). It is the first Queensland project to win a World Architecture Award. The Kurilpa Bridge was judged the World Transport Building of the Year at the World Architecture Festival last week.

Source: http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/architecture-world-salutes-brisbanes-kurilpa-bridge-20111106-1n1q7.html#ixzz2Kig0J0se
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THANK YOU