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Regional Forum Design

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Background...

1. Lots of research

2. Previous decisions

Involve with collaborative principles

To take a region-wide approach

The Forum will provide some form of proposed, draft limits to be included as part of a policy package

Both have shaped the proposed approach

Regional Forum design

- Relevant theory and practice
- What has and hasn't worked and why
- Focus on regions with similar context
- Process/mitigation for developing and sustaining a forum
- Characterise the situation in Southland
- Policy context, political conditions, social conditions, environmental conditions
- Capacity for participation

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Southland Context

- Policy context
- Political and social context
- Environmental conditions

Lessons learned from processes elsewhere

Northland

Tasman

Bay of Plenty

Waikato

Key messages

Participatory processes take far longer than anticipated

More meetings than anticipated

Considerable information to help people make informed decisions

Some learnings

Risks	Learning	Approach
Community don't understand the process	Need to ensure legitimacy	Clearly defined Terms of Reference/expectations
Staff burnout/escalated costs	Large staff input	Sufficient resources Strong, independent facilitator
Exclusion of parts of community	Direct involvement of stakeholder 'groups' can negatively impact the Forum	These parties will 'feed into' the Forum
Not trusted by community or partners	Trust essential for open, meaningful conversations	Providing multiple ways for community to be involved High level of transparency

Key considerations

Good facilitation essential

Ensure sufficient resources available

Enough time for group interaction

Council undertakes broader community engagement and interaction

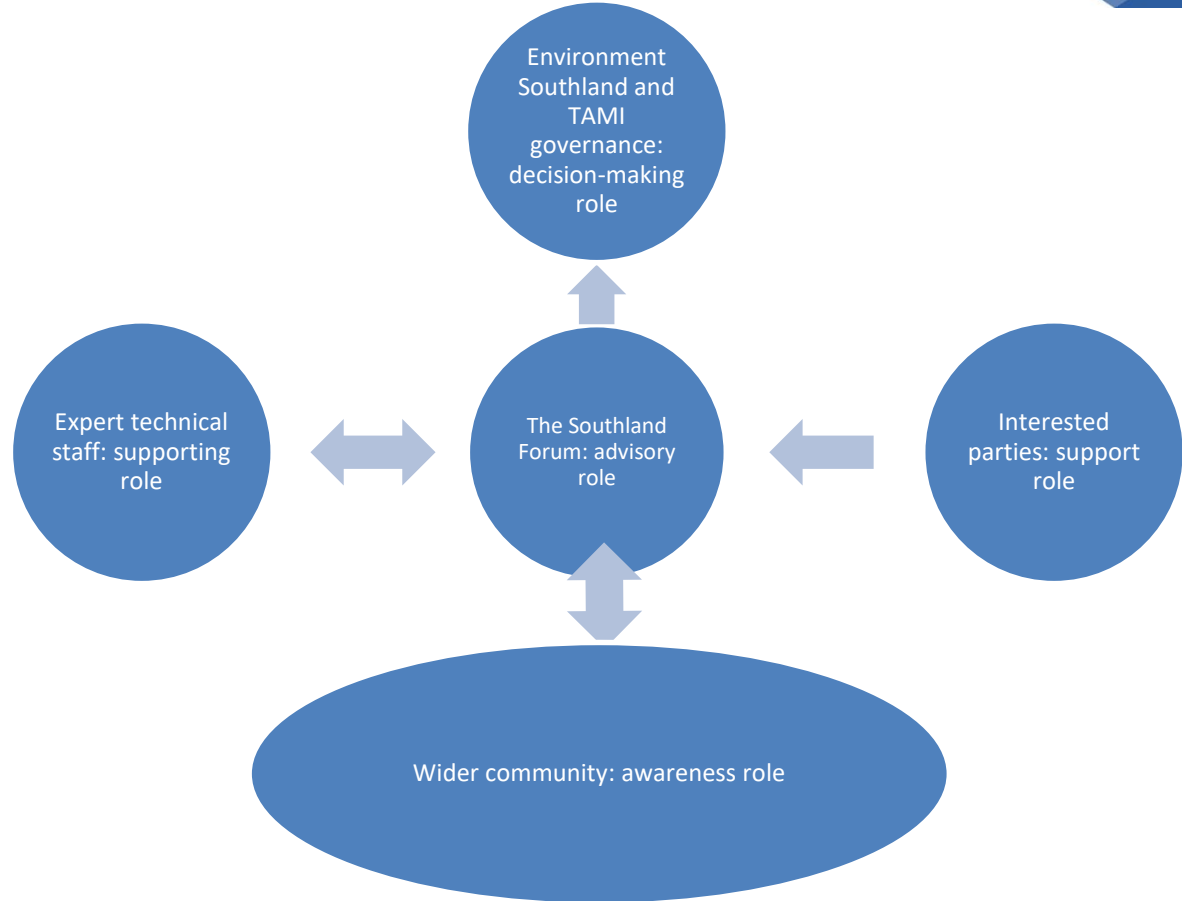
Bringing community along is critical for building legitimacy

We looked at...

- Structure
- Membership including indicative roles and responsibilities
- Selection process
- Meeting arrangements

Terms of Reference

Structure



Membership

- Members to be there as people not their job...
- No ideal number;
- Members must be committed;
- Clear roles, responsibilities and expectations necessary;
- Size and make up of the group will be determined through the selection process.



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Regional Forum Selection

- Community based
- Urban / rural balance
- Broad geographic distribution
- Defined role for tangata whenua
- Specific selection criteria for participants
- 60 Expressions of interest
- Shortlist; Workshop
- Councillors and TAMI endorsed
- 17 members



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