

Due account shall be taken of these results (results of activities related to the participation of the public prior to the submission of the application file, including those activities that took place before the start of the permit granting process) in the comprehensive decision: **Article 9.4**

1. Purpose of Article

My interpretation of Article 9.4 and of Article 9.3 is that an intention is to ensure that public participation and consultation that took place before the start of the permit granting process is taken into account both in the examination of the public participation concept and in the comprehensive decision.

2. Public Participation Concept

The Competent Authority shall take into consideration any form of public participation and consultation that took place before the start of the permit granting process... **Article 9.3.**

- P. Green report for the Strategic Infrastructure Section on PPC: 15/8/14
- S. Grant report on website: 26/8/14
- D. Collins report on Regulation requirements 22/8/14
- Presentation to Board on 9/9/14
- Board modified PPC on 9/9/14.

3. Article 9.4 Report

- Presentation to Board on 20/8/15

4. SID Application submitted to ABP included:

- Report 2B: Public and Landowner Consultation Report: [Report refers back to 2007 activities.](#)
- Application Form: Schedule 5 – Consultation Record: [Record refers back to December 2010 activities.](#)

5. Letter re PCI

The letter to the project promoter concerning the end of the PCI permit granting process will state that due account was taken in the comprehensive decision of the results of activities related to the participation of the public prior to the submission of the application file including those activities that took place before the start of the permit granting process summarised in the Article 9.4 report submitted.

6. Due Account Taken

Referring to above, I consider that the results of activities prior to lodgement of application file have been taken into account. I have not seen the inspector's report but I assume that reference to public participation prior to lodgement of the application file has been made. In terms of concluding the paper trail, I suggest that the Board might consider stating in its decision that it had regard to the extensive public participation that has taken place.

D. Collins, SAO
24th November, 2016.