

# Contemporary issues in environmental impact assessment

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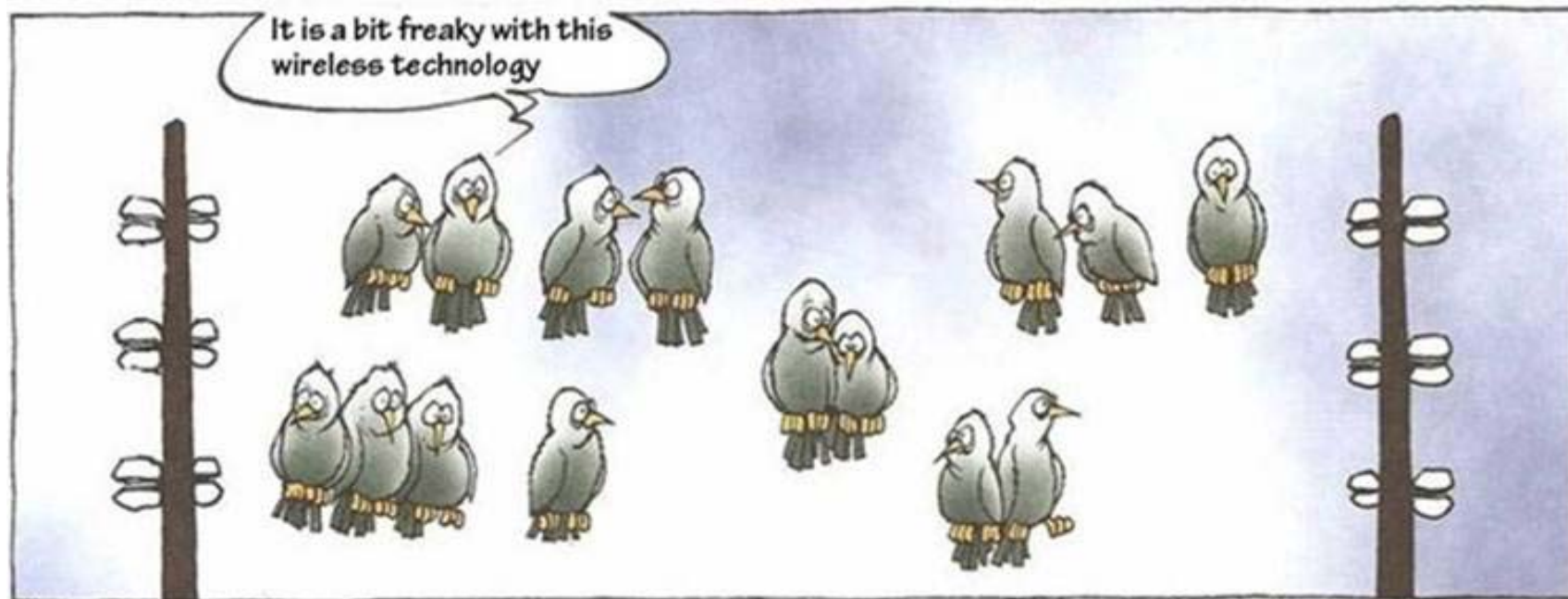
# Where to start?

- No 'one size fits all'
- What are your project's drivers?
  - Project phase/stage
  - Timeframes
  - Complexity
  - Nature of potential impacts
  - Jurisdictions
  - Exemptions
  - Expectations
- Can you answer all these questions?



## External factors

- Political climate
- Public sentiment
- Regulatory system changes



# Start with the end

- The EIS is only the beginning
- Make your EIS work for you
  - Support second and third tier approvals
  - Reduced timeframes
  - Opportunities for engagement
  - Well structured and documented engagement
  - Coordination



## Areas of influence and opportunity


- Initial advice statement
- EPBC referral
- Terms of reference
- Stakeholder engagement
- Project development



## Trends in approvals pathways

- What types of projects use EP Act
- What types of projects use SDPWO Act
- What types of projects use non-EIS methods





'Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now'

- Alan Lakein





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