3. Exploring stakeholder expectations from IA literature

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A plurality of views exists on what impact assessment (IA) is expected to provide to different stakeholders. Despite this, explicit research on stakeholders’ expectations of IA has been limited. This results is expectations being implicitly assumed for a number of broad stakeholder groups by those involved in the process. This research proposes there is more to stakeholder expectations than has previously been explored. This analysis forms part of my broader PhD thesis ‘What can be expected of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes?; the results of which are likely to contribute to strategic engagement with the community and stakeholders.