Deliberative Engagement

The four key domains which underpin deliberative engagement are representation, understanding, input, and decision-making—with the goal of considering and actioning these domains more effectively. This canvas outlines prompting questions for each domain.

1 · Representation

1	Who affects this topic?		4	What would each of these groups need to engaged with the project?	
2	Who is affected by this topic?		5	What resources do we have to effectively engage these groups?	
3	What current or historical factors might influence these groups to engage, or not?		6	How will we know we have adequate representation?	

2 · Understanding

1	What information and perspectives need to be understood by participants? Why?		4	How will we know participants have adequate information and understanding of perspective?	
2	Who holds needed information and perspectives?		5	What resources do we have to effectively inform participants?	
3	How do participants best learn and appreciate information and perspectives?		6	How do we ensure information and perspectives are presented in the way participants need?	

3 · Input

1	How should input serve the project?		**4**	What are the barriers to participants contributing? How might these be mitigated?	
2	What input does the project require from participants?		**5**	What resources do we have to effectively elicit input from participants?	
3	How do participants want to contribute? In what format?		**6**	How will both we and participants know there has been effective input?	

4 · Decision-making

1	**What decisions need to be made? Why?**		**4**	**What are the barriers to participants making decisions? How might these be mitigated?**	
2	**How might participants be empowered to make decisions?**		**5**	**What resources do we have to effectively ensure decision-making by participants?**	
3	**How do participants want to make decisions? In what format?**		**6**	**How will both we and participants know decisions have been deliberatively made?**	