

## The Greens (WA) 2017 policy

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### Public Participation

*The Greens (WA) believe that:*

- all citizens have a fundamental right and responsibility to be directly involved in the economic and political decisions that affect their lives and which impact on the community and the environment
- ongoing public participation should underpin the making of laws and policy
- marginalised groups must be supported and enabled to participate in decision-making
- the public must be provided with comprehensive and timely information in order to be able to contribute meaningfully to decision-making

### Aims

*The Greens (WA) want:*

- greater access and opportunity for meaningful involvement in decision-making for all people, including women and members of other marginalised groups
- individuals, community groups and non-government organisations to participate in public debate and decision-making without fear of repercussion
- the provision of timely and comprehensive information to the public
- a commitment to consensus decision-making

### Measures

*The Greens (WA) will initiate and support legislation and actions that:*

- provide individuals and community groups with comprehensive information and sufficient time to enable their meaningful participation in decision-making
- improve the representation and involvement of women and marginalised groups in all levels of decision-making
- facilitate the participation of people in regional and remote areas, as well as those with disability or who face other challenges that might otherwise affect their capacity to participate in decision-making
- enable decisions to be based on consensus decision-making rather than adversarial processes such as a majority vote
- ensure transparency and procedural fairness in all public participation processes
- provide adequate and clear communication and feedback processes for all public participation processes, including the availability of translated materials and accredited interpreters to assist those whose first language is not English
- support community capacity building to strengthen public participation

(See also [the Australian Greens Community Participation](#) policy)

**Public Participation policy ratified by The Greens (WA) in 2017**