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# Exploring the Promise & Practice of Health Impact Assessments Screening Webinar

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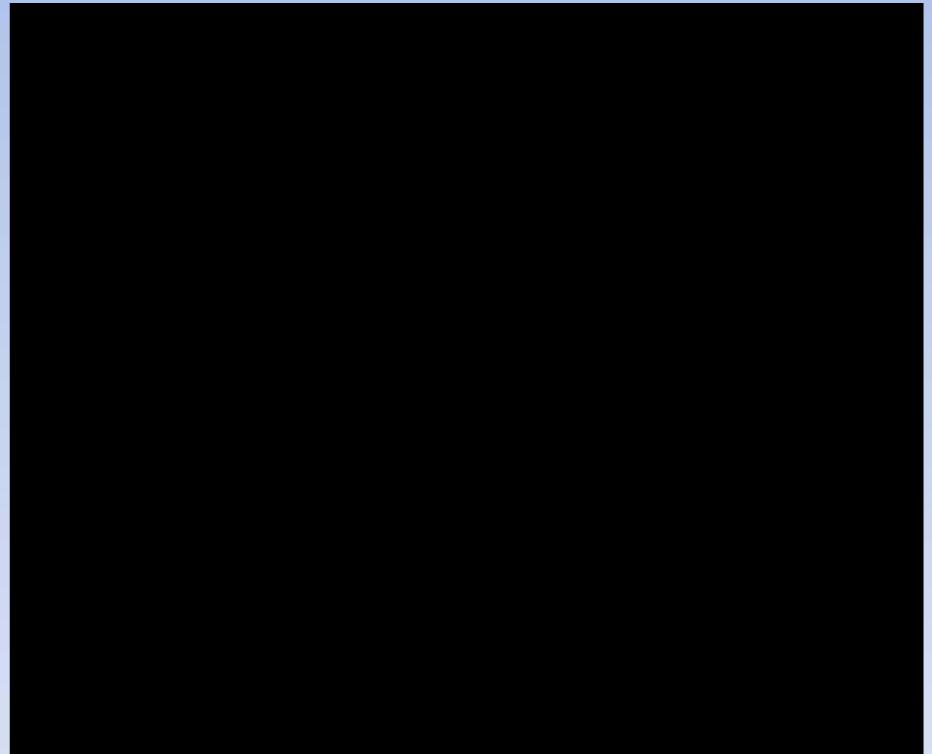
# HIA Screening Webinar Overview

- Basic yes/no screening questions
- Additional considerations
- Screening outputs
- Lessons learned
- Is this a good HIA?
- Screening tools
- Resources
- Strategies for identifying potential projects and partnerships

# Basic Yes/No Screening Questions

- Is there a decision regarding a policy, plan, or project, currently under consideration whose outcomes are likely to impact health?

- Does the decision making process allow for input from an HIA?



# Basic Yes/No Screening Questions

- Are health considerations currently explicitly a part of the discussion?  
Would the HIA bring new information to the decisionmaking process?

- Can the HIA be completed within the timeline for the decision, and with the resources available?
  - Available staff
  - Available data
  - Time for development of partnerships/stakeholder support



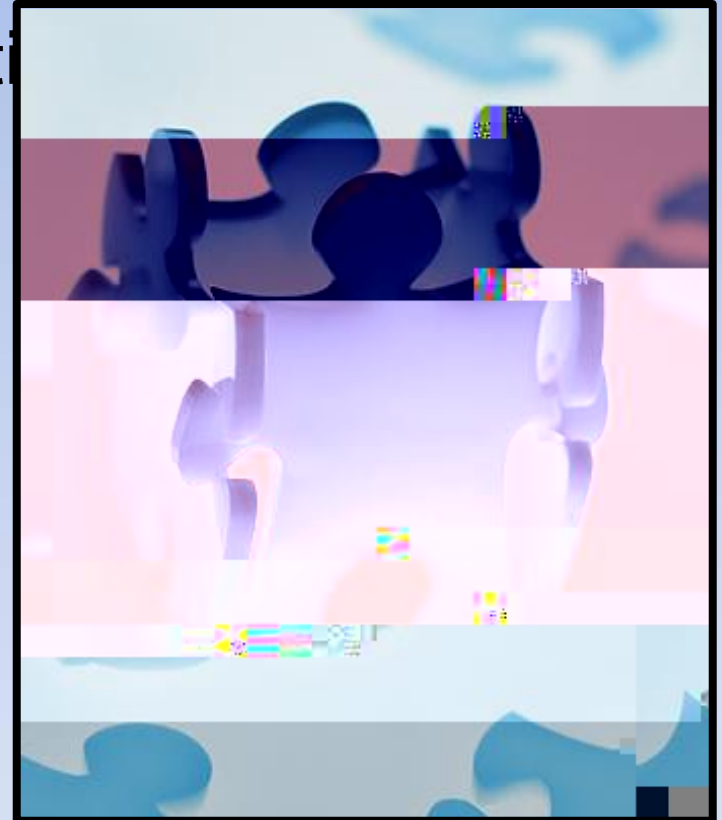
# What HIA is not . . . What HIA is

- HIA is not used before a policy, program, or project has even been considered.
  - It's not used to make the case for why a policy, program or project should be proposed.
- HIA is not used after a policy, program, or project has been completed.
  - It's not an assessment to understand the impacts of a program or policy once it has been implemented.
- HIA is used during a time when a proposed policy, program, or project is under active consideration.
  - It's the sweet spot – it's proactive!

# Additional Considerations

- What is the likelihood that the HIA findings and recommendations will receive consideration by decisionmakers?
- Are there other stakeholders who are willing and able to participate in the HIA?

- Does this HIA have the potential to increase partnerships, visibility, and support for future HIAs and other Health in All Policies efforts in your region?



# Additional Considerations

- Is there the potential for different subgroups within the community to be more adversely affected than others?

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- Has a group or organization requested an HIA on a particular decision?



# Screening Outputs

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- The expected resource requirements of the HIA and the ability of the HIA team to meet them
- A description of the political and policy context of the decision and an analysis of the opportunities to influence decisionmaking or otherwise make health-oriented changes.
- A screening recommendation
  - no further action required
  - no HIA, but health advice and input to be offered in an alternative way
  - or proceed with HIA

# Screening Process Example: Lessons Learned

Fort McPherson Zoning Blueprint:

There are discrete windows of opportunity for incorporating health considerations into redevelopment decision



# Is This a Good HIA?:

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## *Insurance Program criteria*

- Is there a decision currently under consideration that's likely to impact health?
- Does the decision-making process allow for input?
- Is health part of the discussion? Would the HIA bring new information?
- Can the HIA be completed within the timeline, and with the resources available?



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*unused green space for community gardens*

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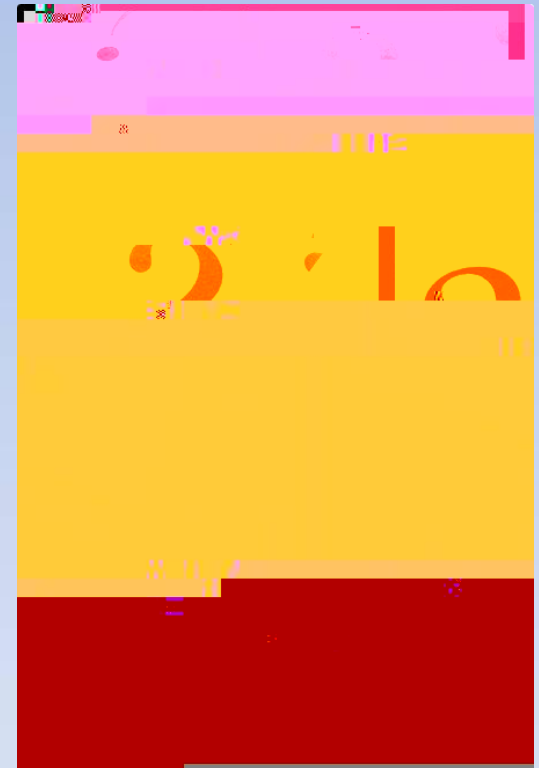
*Community development plan to recruit biodiesel industry to the area*

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*Policy to fund scholarships to state universities through lottery funds*

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# Screening Tools

## Checklists

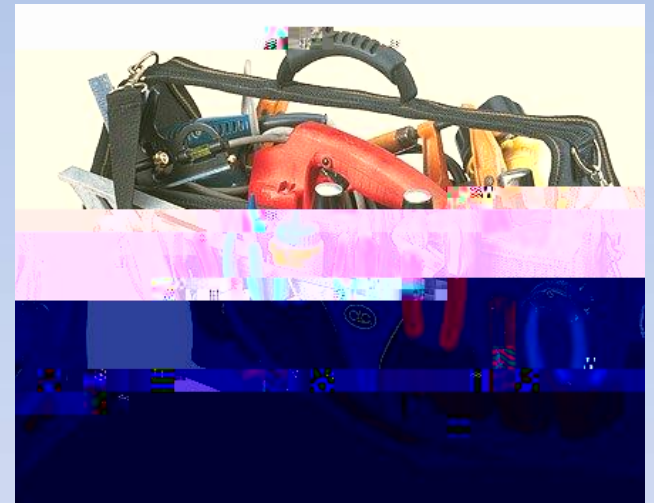
- New South Wales HIA Guide

## Worksheets

- Human Impact Partners
- NNPHI worksheet

## Matrices

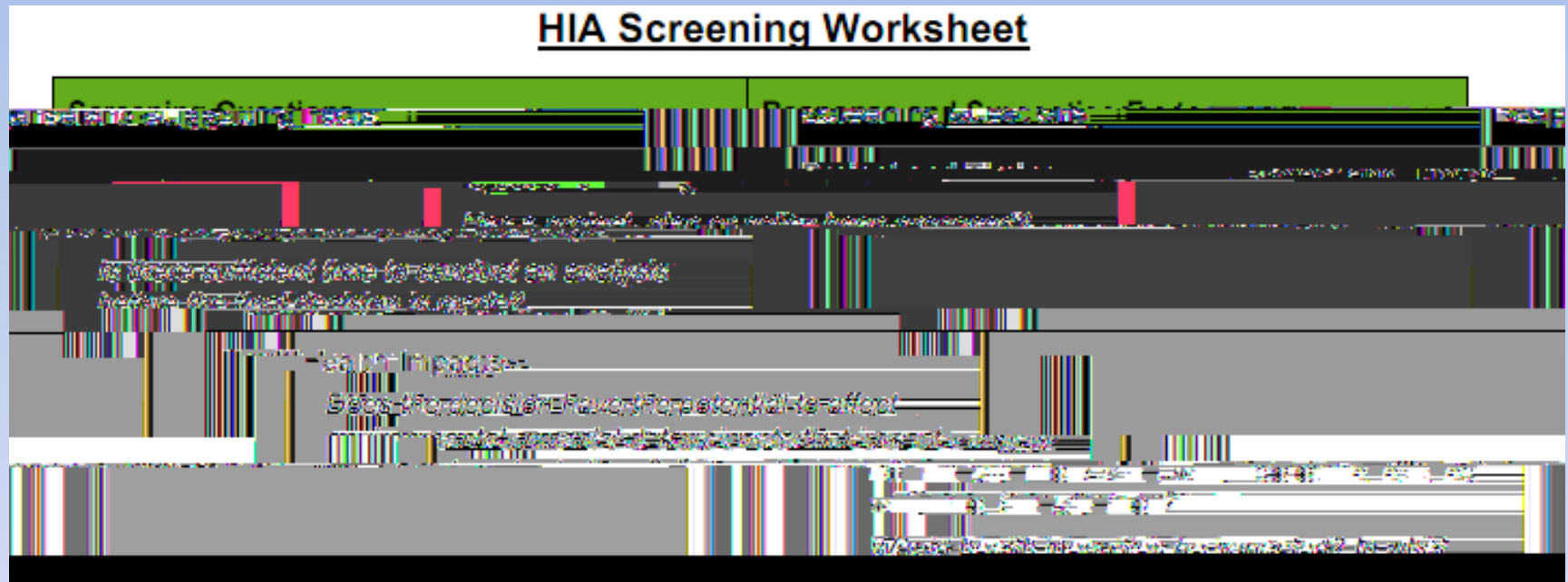
- projects/criteria matrix







# Screening Worksheet



Human Impact Partners, available ~~time~~ at:

<http://www.humanimpact.org/component/jdownloads/finish/12/27>



# Screening Worksheet

National Network of Public Health Institutes:



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- Identify and cultivate champions in different sectors
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