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Good morning Open Government Team,

Thanks for taking the time to circulate your report and offer the chance to comment.

I'd like to offer comment on our area of interest: Commitment 5.2 relating to citizen participation as detailed on pg70.

I think listing progress as "Substantial" potentially conveys the wrong impression – mainly because I don't think that's how citizens would evaluate it. I think it is more accurate to look at it as having the *initial steps taken* and being positioned for substantial progress in 2019 with a demonstration project meaningfully engaging citizens in a live government decision of wide community resonance. Perhaps that could be flagged as a specific goal of the incoming advisory group?

An online forum gathering just 88 comments runs the risk of fuelling cynicism if this is on the public record as a substantial marker of success.

We wish you well in a challenging task and hope this is of use to the incoming group.

Regards,

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