The future of environmental governance
Probable scenarios and the views held by practitioners
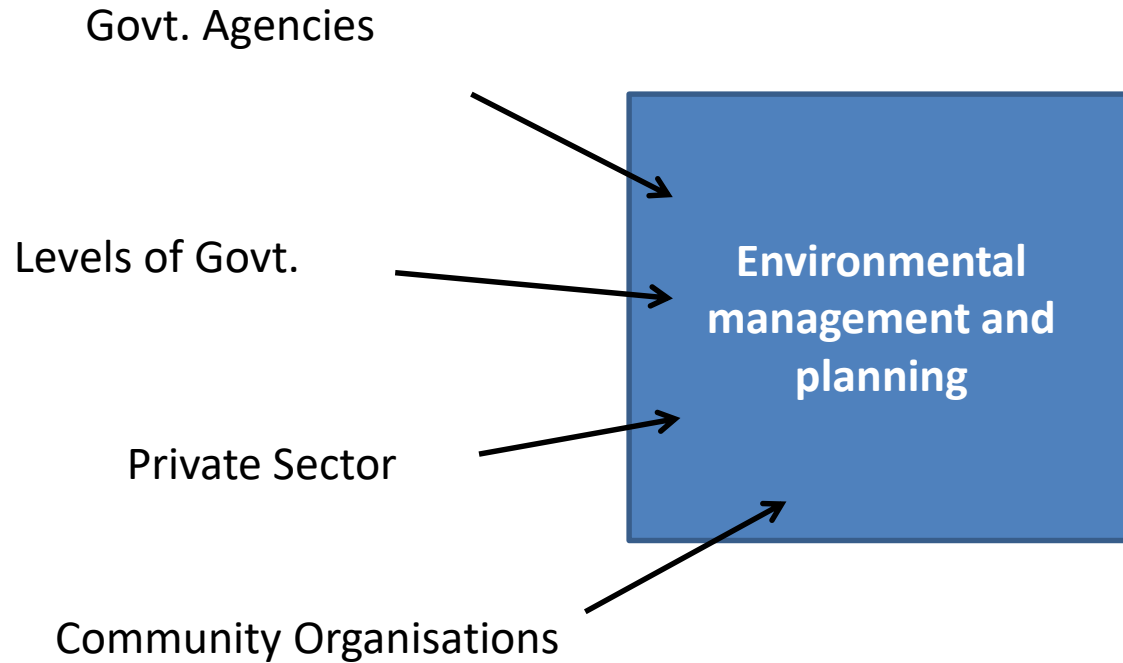
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Outline

- Environmental governance and change

- Current trends

- Probable future scenarios

- Your perceptions on these scenarios and the environmental profession.

What is environmental governance?

Govt. Agencies

Levels of Govt.

Private Sector

Community Organisations

Environmental management and planning

Change in 2 metropolitan areas
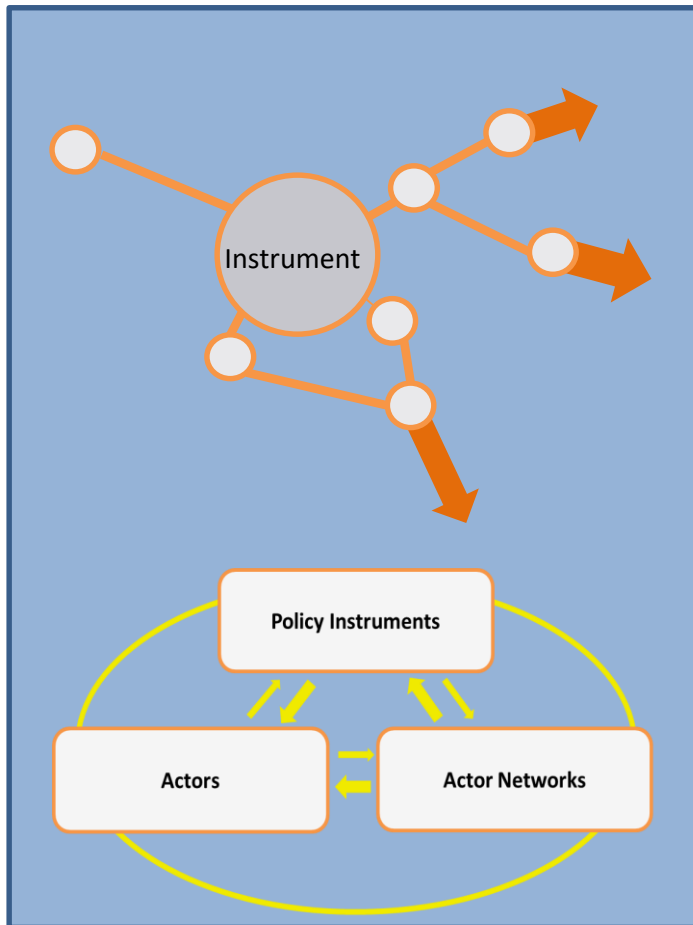

Brisbane
Australia

Portland
USA

- Regulations
- Service provision
- Community participation
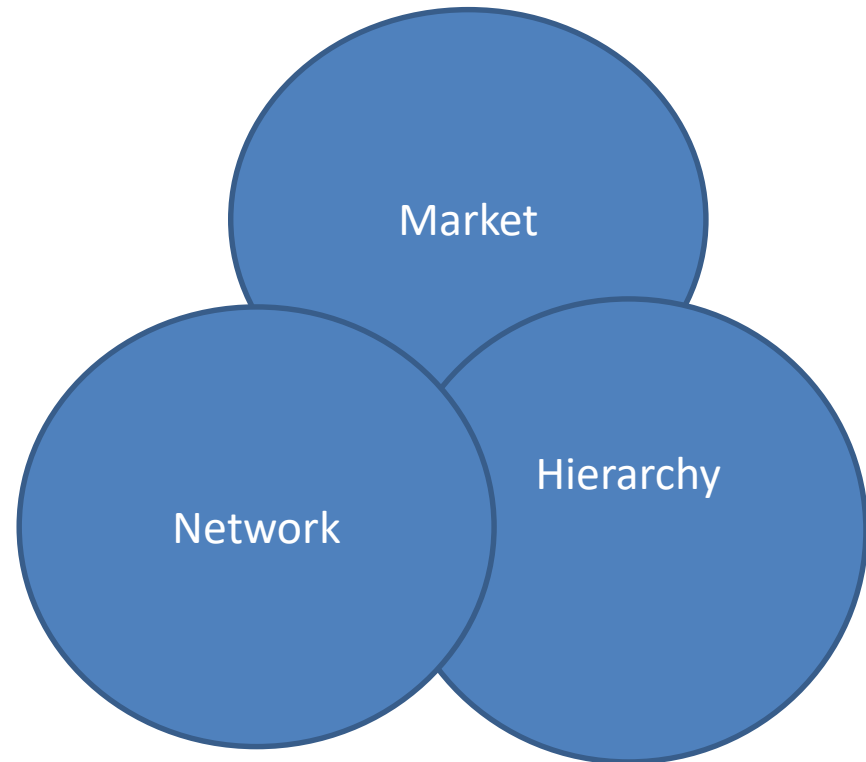- Coordination across the instrument mix
- More!

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What is environmental governance?

Brisbane Arenas	Main structural types / instruments
Constituent **53% (n=97)**	i.e…Strategies and plans Collaborative forums Events Publications and reports
Distributive **22% (n=38)**	i.e. Service delivery Grants/funding instruments Land acquisition
Regulative **21% (n=33)**	i.e. Zones and codes Legislation
Redistributive **3% (n=6)**	Employment programs Transfer of program Roll up into other instrument

Styles of governance

- Governance styles have their own organising logic

- Each logic has its own typical failures;
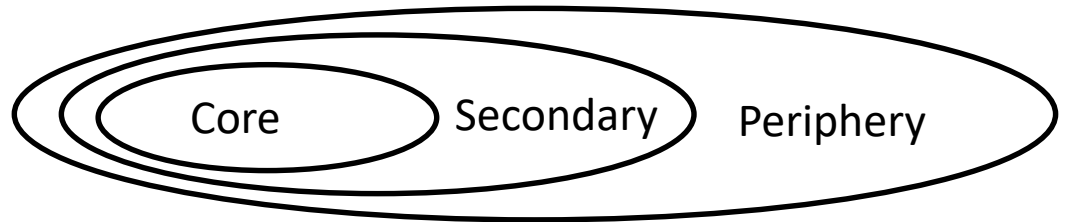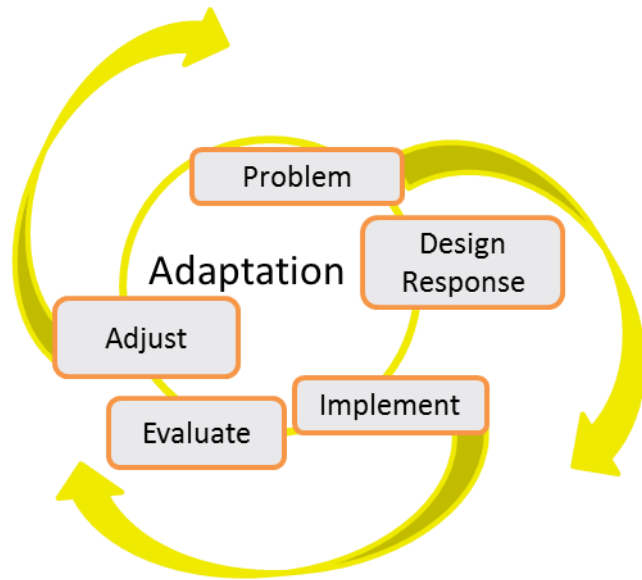
- Governance styles may undermine each other;

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Market

Network

Hierarchy

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The current governance scaffolding that you work within

SURVEY PART A

Assumptions about change

Problem

Design Response

Adaptation

Adjust

Implement

Evaluate

Core   Secondary   Periphery

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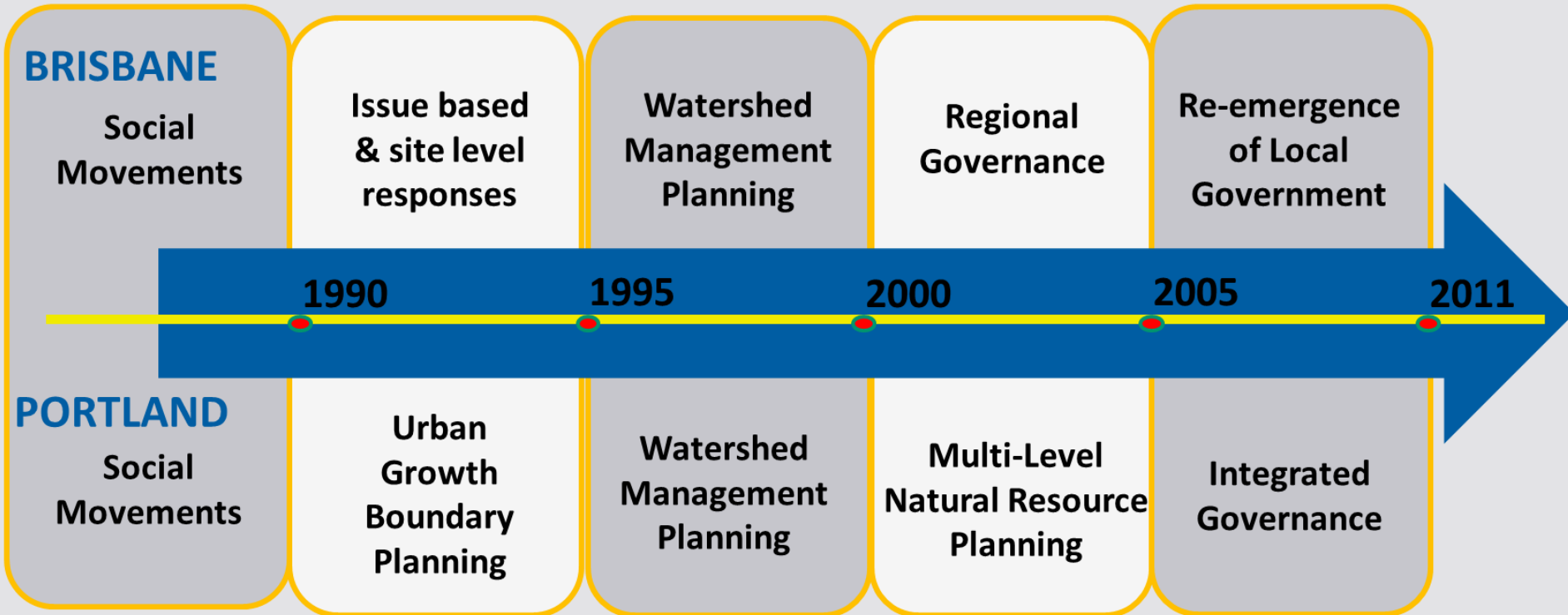
Patterns of change

Main patterns:

- Increase in technical approaches
- Increased institutionalisation
- Increased scale
- Increased integration
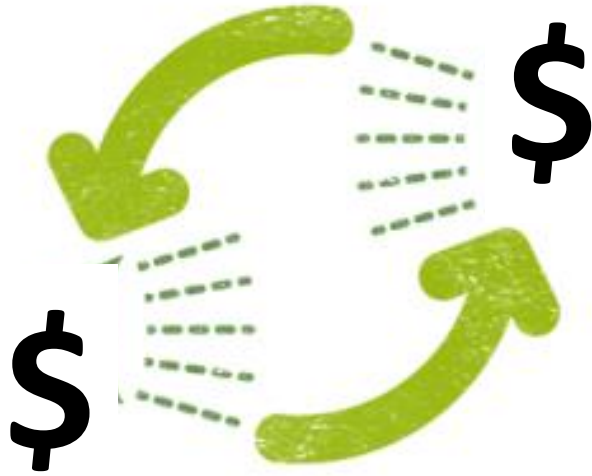- Increase in networks

Steering influences:

- Jurisdictional structure
- Perceived history
- Perceived future
- Instrument types
- Levels of competition
- Levels of stability

Stable

Unstable

Competitive

Collaborative

Your views on environmental governance in 10-20 years

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Stable

Unstable

Competitive

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Stable (top label)

Competitive (left label)
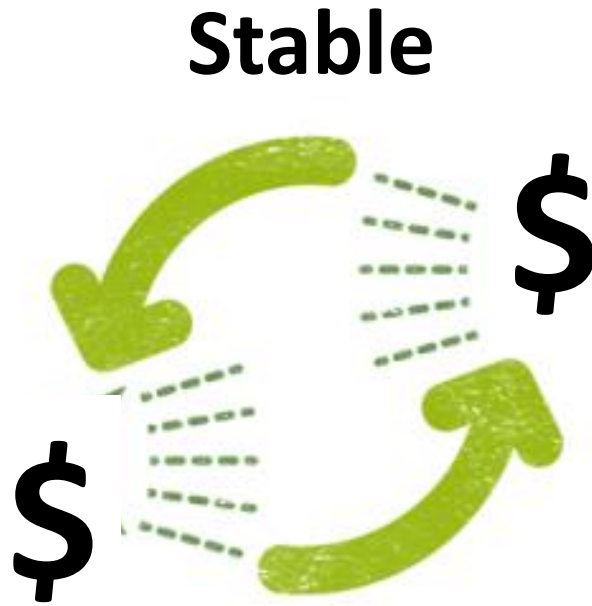
Stable Market

- Contested valuation, agreed exchange system

- predictable practitioner specialisation,

- ongoing increases in technical capacity & opportunities for implementation

- intra-sectoral role specialisation

- contractual cross-sectoral relationships

- low government and community capacity

- Rational style lobbying

- Practitioners use service based strategies to achieve goals

Shifting Sands

- Contested valuation & contested exchange system
- Novel practitioner specialisation,
- Fluctuating technical capacity & opportunities for implementation
- Adhoc/opportunistic politicised lobbying
- Practitioners use entrepreneurial strategies to achieve goals
- Intra-Sectoral role diversification
- Opportunistic cross sectoral relationships
- Variable/fluctuating government & community capacity

Unstable

Competitive

Common future

Collaborative

Stable

- generally agreed vision, negotiated multifunctional outcomes
- Predictable practitioner integration
- Ongoing increases in technical/process integration & opportunities for implementation
- Coalition-based 'rational style' lobbying
- Practitioners use vision-based strategies to achieve goals
- Intra-sectoral role integration
- Colleagial cross sector relationships
- High government & community capacities

Rival visions

- Contention between network-level visions, 'strategic' multi-functional outcomes,

- novel practitioner integration,

- fluctuating arrangements for technical/process integration & opportunities for implementation

- coalition-based politicised lobbying

- practitioners exhibit interest-partnership based strategies to achieve goals

- intra sectoral diversified integration

- interest based cross-sector relationships

- variable/siloed government & community capacities

Unstable

Collaborative

Thankyou!...any questions?

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