

THE HITCH-HIKER'S GUIDE TO IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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A conference on impact assessment

Unlikely to have been to all sessions
(particularly with concurrent sessions)

Some of you, unlikely to have been to any

YOU HAVE ALL MISSED A LOT

How are you going to justify the expense to your managers?

**DON'T
PANIC!**

Informative Movie
(wait for laughter)

Good EIA should always provide an alternative

Forward thinking...

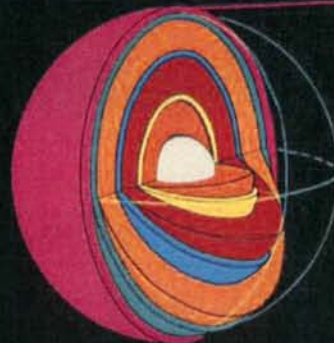
(and early planning given the wheels of Government)



Earth Mark II

Proposal Specs

MEAN ORBITAL DISTANCE 93,645,001.42"
MEAN ORBITAL VELOCITY 842000
MEAN ORBITAL PERIOD 1042 T
ORBITAL ECCENTRICITY 0.05



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OPTION 58/PL3

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UNIQUELY EXCLUSIVE
EXECUTIVE ORIENTATED
ETHOS MAXIMISED
PLANETARY CONSTRUCTS

**CAN YOU AFFORD
A MAGRATHEAN
PLANET ?**

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EQUATORIAL DIAMETER: 8000
POLAR DIAMETER 7998
OBLATENESS 1/1876942645

Environmental Impact Assessment

Wikipedia

An **Environmental Impact Assessment** (EIA) is an assessment of the likely positive and/or negative influence a project may have on the environment.

The purpose of the assessment is to ensure that decision-makers consider environmental impacts before deciding whether to proceed with new projects

Environmental Impact Assessment

The Project

EARTH MARK II

Key Considerations

The impacts on the Environment?

The impacts on receptors (including community consultation)?

Environmental Impact Assessment

THE ENVIRONMENT

INTRODUCTION



SPACE IS BIG.

Earth Mark II

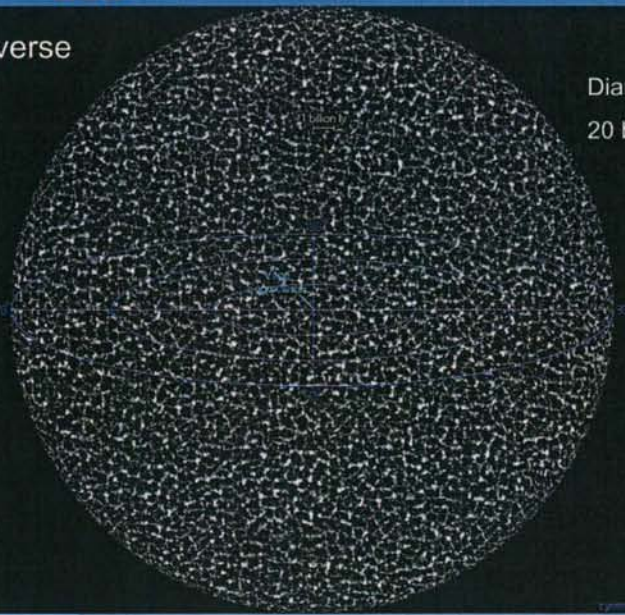
Dimensions of Earth Mark II
Diameter = 12,756km



Photo: NASA

Our Universe

Diameter
20 billion light years



Diameters

Earth	12,756km
Universe	20 billion light years (1 light year ~ 9,460,730,472,580km)

"The Universe is Big. Really big.

It may seem like a long way to the corner chemist, but compared to the Universe, that's peanuts."

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Area of the Universe: Infinite

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy offers this definition of the word "infinite"

Bigger than the biggest thing ever and then some. Much bigger than that in fact, really amazingly immense, a totally stunning size, real "wow, that's big," time. Infinity is just so big that, by comparison, bigness itself looks really titchy.

Gigantic multiplied by colossal multiplied by staggeringly huge is the sort of concept we're trying to get across here.

So in the scheme of things, Earth Mark II
is highly unlikely to have a significant
impact on the Universe...

No need for a detailed study!

RECEPTORS

Community Consultation?

Could have been an absolute nightmare!

The text "DON'T PANIC!" is written in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font with a distressed, slightly jagged appearance, set against a dark, textured background.

Population of the Universe = Zero

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

"It is known that there are an infinite number of worlds, simply because there is an infinite amount of space for them to be in. However, not every one of them is inhabited. Therefore, there must be a finite number of inhabited worlds. Any finite number divided to infinity is as near to nothing as makes no odds, so the average population of all the planets in the Universe can be said to be zero. From this it follows that the population of the whole Universe is also zero"

$$\frac{n}{\infty} = 0$$

Community Consultation

Zero population

Zero impacts on human (or other) health

Zero population

Zero residences or other receptors

Footnote

Occupants of Earth Mark II are not considered as receptors – part of the proposal, so covered by OH&S legislation, not EIA → *SEP*

EIA

Not required

No significant impacts

No population

APPROVAL SHOULD BE A WALK IN THE PARK

(Zero Population = zero Government, zero lawyers)

**The Art and Science of Impact Assessment?
What is effective?**

Earth Mark II

Science - a whole lot of problems with EIA

Art – ways and means to address these problems



Proofs

Proof 1: No need for impact assessment of Earth Mark II

Proof 2: Impact Assessment is about science and art

Proof 3: Angus Morrison-Saunders is bringing sexy back to Impact Assessment