

Assessment Criteria for Potential Research Topics

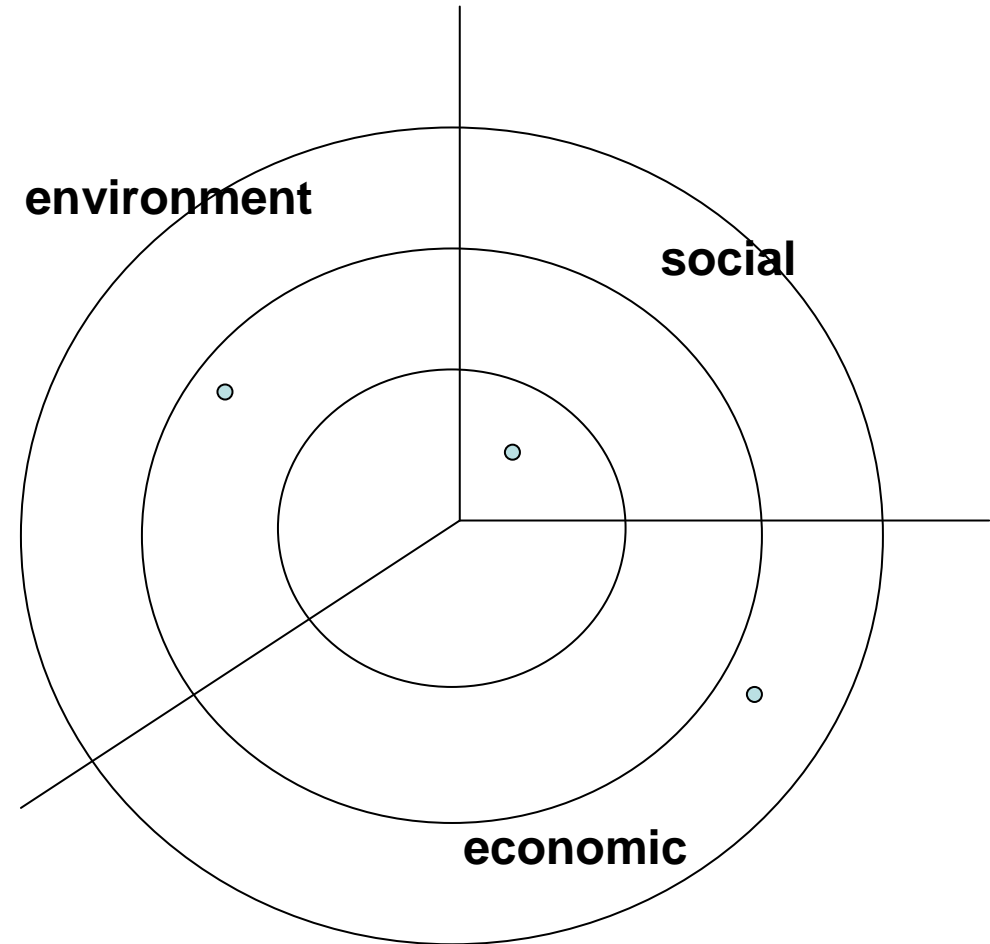
1. Benefit to Society of Understanding and Alleviating Impacts

- a) social (including human health and wellbeing).
- b) economic (including direct and indirect costs of climate related damage, e.g. to infrastructure).
- c) environmental (including impairment of climate-regulatory functions of natural environment)

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In the absence
of knowledge,
degree of
impact will be:

major,
moderate, minor



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2. Benefits to the stakeholder community:

High/medium/low

Example:

- a) potential to improve processes/products
- b) relevance to stakeholder priorities

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3. Scientific Understanding

- a) degree of originality
(novel, innovative, routine)
- b) likely significance to research community
(international, national, regional)
- c) relevance to mitigation
(synergistic, complementary, antagonistic)

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4. Research Capacity

Likelihood of research being carried out by:

- a) private sector (high/medium/low)
- b) government agencies (high/medium/low)
- c) research councils (high/medium/low)