

Abstract

To construct infrastructure projects often causes pollution or environmental impact to the surroundings including many residents who are living near the projects. Public participation becomes a significant problem in project development between project proponents and local people. This research aims to evaluate the present status of public participation in development of infrastructure projects. Case study project on transportation and power plant project are given as examples of important infrastructure project development. One transportation project, namely Distribution Road Project of the Second Stage Expressway System Project, and two power plants, namely Hin Krut and BLCP Power Plant Project, were evaluated and compared. They show that project development is more successful where the appropriate public participation is underway. Moreover, some lessons learnt from Australia show the interesting public participation process. This research also suggests a model of a public participation program in infrastructure project development for improving and promoting public participation process to bring Thailand better development.