

National Governance

The Direct Democracy (DD) and Decentralisation (DDD) strategic papers don't address how important the system of National Governance is to successful Popular Sovereignty.

For Direct Democracy to function well, the current conflictual political model in Scotland and the UK (Government vs Opposition parties) is unsuitable because it's inherently unstable. Additionally, there are no safeguards against the appointment of inexperienced or incompetent Ministers.

Under the current system, politicians, ministers and governments come and go over a relatively short period of time, whereas National Governance is a long-term business. Ideally the political agenda would be delivered through a more consensual process involving coalition government - but not the kind we recently had with the SNP & Greens! A more stable, inclusive, cross-party model, lasting through numerous parliamentary terms, would be less likely to deliver such disruptive and disastrous outcomes as Thatcherism and the wave of closures and privatisations, or the introduction of Public Finance Initiatives (PFIs) under Tony Blair. And, more recently, Freeports or the GRR Bill.

The re-nationalisation of ScotRail and the closure of Grangemouth confirm the failings of the current system. The privatisations and PFIs set to continue under Keir Starmer wouldn't happen if there were a more consensual form of coalition government, guided by the People through Initiatives and Referendums.

An easy-to-understand example of an inclusive governance framework which has worked successfully for the last 175 years can be consulted at [RespectScottishSovereignty.scot](https://www.respectscottishsovereignty.scot)

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