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# Benefits of a RIS in helping you to maintain an open mind in considering alternative policy options Video Transcript

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**Neil Savery:** Finding solutions to policy issues isn't usually down to one option.

**Kate Carnell:** You know, with policy, regularly people sit around a table, whether they be politicians, ministers, ministers’ staffers, people in the Department, sit around a table to determine what a solution might be for a particular problem.

It's certainly true that people in that scenario are, as some people say, in a bubble. You know what you know, but you don't know what it's like there out in the community more broadly, or the people that are actually going to have to implement the legislation, or the policy that you're talking about.

**Mark Booth:** It's crucially important. You have to look at all the options.

My original training was as an economist, and it was always drummed into me when I was a student and through many, many years that there is no one simple answer to an issue.

You have to look at all the options and you always need to look at the greenfield do-nothing option as well as a whole host of different options.

Be very concerned if somebody comes up to you and says there's one clear answer here and there's one clear option, be worried about that, because at the end of the day, there will typically be myriad options.