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Comments:	<p>Policing of protest is best detailed in BREAKDOWN IN TRUST: A REPORT ON THE CORRIB GAS DISPUTE as experienced by a small grassroots observer group which got formulated in this report by FrontLine Defenders. The Table Observers used training manuals for their work and frequently referred to materials prepared by the Metropolitan Police London re. policing of protest. It was ironic for us to find the Universal Declaration of Human Rights pasted on the wall of the local police station. I am aware about 100 complaints were made by the Erris community to GSOC now detailing its shortcomings. It would be a useful exercise to trawl all police complaint sources and from a sample conclude the future from the lived experience of different publics.</p> <p>State management produces the ground for policing. Ignoring the plight of the disadvantaged and the activities of the rich inclusive of human rights in business is very key to the success of policing. Think of drugs and alcohol and the poorly educated and poorly employed ... police are expected to respond to the effects whereas the very quality of government is the cause. Consultations must draw on what material is already available.</p> <p>The consultation at the Ploughing Championship very commended for the often ignored rural community but why not in the North Wall Dublin and in border counties like Cavan, Monaghan and Meath for example. The very people who need to be consulted are the least able to travel (no buses) far and to familiar settings rather than hotels and universities as was the case for the UPR. Information about the nature of this project might find its way to Joe Duffy, Sean O Rourke, Prime Time and into the tabloids and popular radio stations where the most affected by policing find some understanding and comfort often in shame to themselves.</p>