

# Backlog refinement discussion #379

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We are thinking we can use discussions more for things that don't have a official "owner" or assignee. Some of the tickets in [our backlog](#) are from the early days of OMI and are still worth discussion, but are not exactly work items.

We are also discussing potential standard operating procedures moving forward (SOPs).

- if a ticket is going to become an issue, it will need an assignee and an estimation of completion or the next iteration.
  - having a ticket assignee is a point of accountability. But we understand that life happens.
    - if you can no longer complete something you said you would by being assigned the ticket, just say so in the comments.
      - this can be scary
      - we want to promote psychological safety to ensure that we have an honest understanding of where we are at with respect to our commitments or estimated timelines.
    - If you need help, you should be able to ask for help in the issue.
  - having an estimated check-in date is not about timelines
    - its about ensuring we are being realistic about what we can and can not achieve asynchronously between our next meetings.
    - these don't have to be rigid completion dates, but rather "I think I can get x done by the next time we meet".
- Anyone who participates should feel empowered to propose work items, start discussions, and report blockers.
  - not everyone can view the projects board (sometimes called the kanban board, or the "backlog")
  - everyone can submit an issue using an issue template
- a Product Owner (PO, Scrum Master (SM) or some assigned accountability lead should periodically "maintain the backlog"
  - before Wednesday calls (and eventually this can be replicated in working groups too) review submitted issues.
  - suggested issues probably *wont* have a assignee.
  - new issues hopefully have a suggested alternative or estimated bite-size piece of the proposal.
- We want it to be easier for new people to get involved.
- what about items that *must be done*?
  - some can pre-consent to being assigned tickets to them

- ex. Hey I remembered we need to submit our receipts this week or our card will get cancelled. I am assigning a due date of Friday, and tagging **@mrmetaverse**
- or "the ministry of submitting receipts" haha
- the "IT security team"
- the "Website team"
- how do I get something on the calendar? cal team
- how do I into youtube? media team
- who can I ask for help publishing this blog?
- who can help create events?
- reporting blockers helps us know that we need to help!
  - blockers should be prioritized
  - energy lost on blockers that don't budge drain contributors focus and availability.

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