Potential roles for civil society in sustainability transitions

1. Pioneering new practices, creating new connections – transforming systems

2. Providing essential social services, filling the void left by a retreating welfare state

3. Doing its thing – creating sustainable solutions though not engaging with wider society

4. Being used for other aims, corroding members’ goals and motivations and leading to societal mistrust

5. Being used as an excuse for non-action by incumbent actors

6. Being left disempowered and exhausted by being asked to shoulder too heavy a burden with insufficient resources

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