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**To:** [EA Review Participation \(EC\)](#)  
**Subject:** It's time to repair Canada's broken environmental assessment process  
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Bill C-38 destroyed the credibility of Canada's Environmental Assessment Act. The current environmental assessment review process is an opportunity to go beyond replicating what we've done in the past, introduce improvements that will usher in the next generation of environmental assessment in Canada, and ensure a healthy environment for our children and grandchildren.

Please acknowledge the right to a healthy environment — every person's right to clean air and water, safe food and a stable climate — as a guiding principle to help interpret the Act.

Environmental assessment should do five things for people in Canada:

1. Allow everyone, including Indigenous peoples, to say "no" to environmentally damaging projects in their communities.
2. Ensure that the environmental safety net, which includes other laws and regulations, is intact and working to keep air, water and soil healthy.
3. Guarantee public participation and the free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous peoples.
4. Consider the "big picture" and include cumulative effects from multiple projects on interconnected ecosystems in ways a case-by-case approach cannot.
5. Include scientific and traditional Indigenous ecological expertise on all environmental assessment panels.

If revisions to the CEAA can't achieve these outcomes, please develop new regulations to replace it.

Respectfully,

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