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To: [EA Review Participation \(EC\)](#)
Subject: Time for the next generation of environmental assessment in Canada
Date:

Dear Panel Members,

Our environmental assessment regime is broken, and Canadians are counting on our federal government to fix it. A lot has changed since the original Canadian Environmental Assessment Act was established – and we know that Canada can do better.

I agree that a next-generation environmental assessment law should be based on an integrated set of reforms, including:

- Sustainability as a core objective, to ensure the long-term health of the environment and communities
- Meaningful public participation for anyone who wishes to participate
- Accessible information for the public, Indigenous groups and stakeholders
- A climate test to ensure Canada stays on track to meet its climate goals
- A framework for addressing the cumulative effects of industrial and other activities in a region
- Collaborative decision-making with Indigenous nations, based on nation-to-nation relationships and the obligation to secure free, prior and informed consent
- Rules and criteria to encourage transparency, accountability and credibility, and to avoid politicized decisions

Please consider the points listed above in your review – we can't afford to miss this once-in-a-generation opportunity to strengthen environmental decision-making in Canada.

Sincerely,

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