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The Canadian ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS REVIEW

Your draft terms of reference for this review include the following statement, "The Panel shall also consider how to enhance regulatory certainty in the development of major projects in Canada."

I would like an explanation of this sentence, and some definition of certainty, and for who? Certainty for developers in the sense that they would have certainty of a yes, even given conditions, is unacceptable. Any developer that is asking for that kind of certainty has not done a good job of looking at the costs and benefits to society of their proposal, have not looked at the environmental, social, and economic impacts that their proposal might have, have not consulted with other stakeholders or heard their concerns. Any proposal that deserves certainty before an environmental review probably doesn't need one.

Certainty on the other hand, that means the public has fairness, that the hearings are open and comprehensive, and that a good decision can be reached with all available knowledge is needed.

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