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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft terms of reference for the environmental assessment process review.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Process Review

The Review Process

Panel members, One member of the panel should be from a rural area in respect of the notion that most large projects subject to environmental reviews occur outside of urban centres.. This would provide relief to interested people concerning the opportunity to speak their mind to someone who understands local situations.

Public Engagement

Public Engagement Plan should conduct in-person events in a variety of settings, from the most remote community having presentation to the process, to the large cities. Again, taking into consideration primarily the discussion available in large centres will limit the value to Canada and the Government of the process by not understanding the needs of residents and the environment in areas most severely impacted by large projects. The Panel shall take into account the timing of economic activities such as farming or fishing in the local regions and communities when setting the time and location of in-person consultation activities.

The draft terms speak of the need to hold hearings in areas where recent hearings have been held and that is a good choice. The recent Site C hearing through the Environmental Assessment Joint Review would be a very good place to start with this aspect in mind.

Expert Advice

"...the Panel may retain the services of independent non-government experts to provide advice on certain subjects within its mandate..." I would like to see the clause read 'independent non biased non-government experts.' The panel might arrange such help with advice from the advisory panel.

Again, thank you for the chance to suggest ways I believe the process review might be more valuable.

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