

## Environmental assessment processes: Draft Terms of Reference for Expert Panel

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To the honorable Minister of the Environment Catherine McKenna

Thank you for the well-defined and ambitious draft of terms of reference for the expert panel.

I would like to bring two points to your attention which you might want to consider:

1. In the Environmental Assessment process Canada's commitment to the Paris Agreement to keep global warming below 1.5 C should be one of the main and overarching mandates. Every decision should be made with this goal in mind. Under "Scope of Review" you may want to include ...6. How to ensure that each environmental process is appraised through the lens of its compliance with the Paris Agreement.
2. A panel of only three members seems too small for such a huge task. Two more members would provide for a wider range of knowledge, expertise and viewpoints.

Sincerely

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