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**To:** EA Review / Examen EE (CEAA)  
**Subject:** Comments on the draft Terms of Reference for the Expert Panel that will review federal environmental assessment processes.

Background and Credentials:

My name is Cameron McCuaig, resident of the Province of Ontario and the City of Mississauga.

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I am a David Suzuki Foundation Blue Dot volunteer for the City of Mississauga and Toronto. As part of this role, I have worked with the City of Mississauga and successfully gained Council support for a right to a healthy environment, with their position communicated to the Prime Minister and Premier. See below copies of these letters. I have also gained support from MPP Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance of Ontario which played a role in the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights being opened July 11th for public review. I am seeking similar support at the Federal level. See point 2 and 3 below.

Further, I am a two term volunteer for the City of Mississauga Heritage Advisory Council where environmental assessments are part of some heritage related matters.

I am a past executive for Bell Canada having spent 22 years growing the wireless industry as VP Marketing and Customer Service and have used this business experience to link enhanced environmental actions to improved economic results.

Comments:

1. The assessment process should anticipate the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights is enhanced per current public process. See link below. A critical item to be enhanced includes:

I believe a broad and thorough public review of the Ontario *Environmental Bill of Rights* (EBR) will be welcomed given that it's been more than 20 years since the Act was first passed. While Ontario's EBR is unique in Canada, it does not fully live up to its name. Despite stating in the preamble, "The people of Ontario have the right to a healthful environment," the EBR lacks any real protection of this right.

Given our commitments in Paris, and our efforts on Cap and Trade, I believe now is the time to strengthen the *Environmental Bill of Rights* to include a substantive right to a healthy environment, something more than 110 other countries have done. Including the substantive right

to a healthy environment will enable the legislation to fulfill its intended purpose and will help encourage protection of our air, water, food supply and also promote healthy ecosystems and a stable climate.

In European countries, such provisions have led to improved environmental laws and increased economic performance.

<https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTI4OTky&statusId=MTk1MTYw&language=en>