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Good Day,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the scope of the subject review and panel terms of reference.

With respect to point 1, which includes “working with the provinces and territories to avoid duplication,” the respect for provincial jurisdiction reflected in this point is appreciated. More than just avoiding duplication, could the panel broaden this scope to consider “avoid duplication and ensure cooperation amongst jurisdictions in environmental assessments.” A past example might be the way provinces worked with the local CEAA office under the Canada-Manitoba Agreement on Environmental Assessment Cooperation.

Under the agreement, the coordinating role that the local CEAA office played during project reviews was extremely beneficial in terms of accessing federal government experts in the provincial technical review of proposals. The confirmation that the province would take the lead in cooperation with the CEAA office was an excellent way to ensure both levels of government met their regulatory requirements in an effective, beneficial, transparent and cooperative manner. It was also easy for the public to access both levels of government through one window. If the panel could look at ways to make this happen again, we suggest that the environmental assessment process may be improved. If the panel could look at the option of restoring the local CEAA office, that would also be supported by Manitoba. It may be that the location of small CEAA offices in other locations may be of merit too.

Manitoba looks forward to participating in the process of the review itself.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to working with you.

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