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Dear Sir/Madam - Both these panels should be filled with persons of solid scientific expertise, deep knowledge of the Seventh Generation Principle, and with no connections to lobby or corporate interests. They should approach each issue in front of them with a completely unbiased, selfless, and long term vision weighing each decision with the realization that those decisions will affect, for good or ill, the life of an unborn 200 years in the future, the same as the decisions of our forefathers are affecting us today. They must be paragons of exercising the precautionary principle in order to maximize benefits for the unborn. Our present rush to meet deadlines, satisfy lobbyists, make decisions mainly based on short term economics must be replaced by a much longer and wiser view of life's offerings. Often this means applying restraints to our wish for quick and easy gratification for ourselves and acquaintances in order to leave something for the future.

“The **Seventh Generation Principle** today is generally referred to in regards to decisions being made about our energy, water, and natural resources, and ensuring those decisions are sustainable for seven generations in the future. But, it can also be applied to relationships - every decision should result in sustainable relationships seven generations in the future.” This paragraph is the kernel of a philosophy practiced around the world by indigenous people but not always called by that name. It epitomizes the cultural gulf between indigenous and non-indigenous people. The latter group, myself included, operate on a much shorter term basis illustrated best by our insistence on quick profits and short governments where we hand over our community responsibilities to representatives who then scurry off to Ottawa and seldom represent those who have shown they don't want to be bothered thinking about political matters. The former group is much less hierarchical with much more emphasis on community decision making and long term sustainability. This may take more time, but satisfies more people now and in the future. We can no longer afford to NOT think about politics, because, after all, politics is what rules and regulates us all, so it's all our business. Today our wiser folk practice this principle but call it the “Precautionary Principle.” It should act like a Golden Rule of public accountability.

Should you be successful in choosing such quality people it should not be difficult for them, by using the precautionary principle as a touchstone of decision making, to establish their own Terms of Reference