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**Subject:** Comments on the proposed Expert Panel's draft Terms of Reference

**Importance:** High

Dear Sirs/ Mesdames,

I am a concerned citizen who wants to echo my agreement with the West Coast Environmental Law Association who have issued the following "Terms of Reference for the Expert Panel that the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (the Minister) will establish to review environmental assessment (EA) processes associated with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA 2012)." I have copied them below:

1. Ensuring that the Scope of Review is broad enough to identify strategic-level solutions to strengthening EA, and not merely incremental improvements to project-level assessment;
2. Recognition in the TOR of the need for the Panel to explore and define the goals and purpose of modern-day EA to set the context for the new process;
3. The commissioning of discussion papers on the best available information on leading-edge assessment approaches;
4. A requirement in the TOR that the Panel report on how it considers comments received; and
5. Designation in the TOR of a public review and comment period on the draft Panel report.
6. Direction in the TOR for the Panel report to include specific and detailed recommendations for legislative changes, as well as where changes should occur in policy or guidance.

I would appreciate if you would take these recommendations seriously and be a part of these positive changes in how environmental assessments are conducted.

Sincerely,  
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