



EIA Review Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the review are:

Part A

1. Review and report on appropriate environmental policy settings to inform the setting of environmental objectives and outcome-based conditions.
2. Review and make recommendations on improvements to the following steps in the EPA's proposal assessment process:
 - (a) scoping of environmental issues / factors, proponent documentation and environmental assessment
 - (b) scope and guidance for EMPs and,
 - (c) outcome-based recommended conditions;all within the context of a risk-based approach.
3. Examine opportunities and make recommendations on improving parallel project assessment/approvals processes under the EP Act and other primary legislation, to assist in improving the overall timeliness of project approvals.
4. Review and make recommendations on procedures for the accreditation of processes / people/ panels to assist in the environmental assessment process.
5. Advise and make recommendations on opportunities for establishing common-user or private/public partnerships for spatial environmental data acquisition, management and systems.
5. Review and revise the 2002 EPA Administrative Procedures to reflect legislative changes and agreed process changes resulting from 1(a) – (e) above (an internal EPA task).
7. Develop a draft communications and consultation strategy for engaging key stakeholders in the reform program.

Part B

Advise and make recommendations on environmental assessment approaches for strategic / cumulative impact project(s).

Part C

Make recommendations on amendment to Divisions 1, 2 and 3 of Part IV of the EP Act that would, *inter alia*, give legislative effect to process improvements arising from Parts A and B above.