



Environmental
Assessment Office

MEMORANDUM

Ref: 103561
Date: October 31, 2013
To: Honourable Mary Polak
Minister of Environment
Re: Environmental Assessment Office's Draft Work Plan – EAO Review

Dear Minister:

Please find attached a draft work plan for the "EAO Review" contained in your June 10, 2013 mandate letter. We developed the work plan from our initial discussion with you in late July.

The work plan builds on a number of operational improvement initiatives already underway in the EAO and proposes actions and deliverables over three phases, including many to be completed this fiscal year. In the near term, the plan focuses on more effective use of existing legislation, potential regulatory changes, and clarifying policies and practices all aimed at ensuring timelines are appropriate for both economic development and environmental protection.

Once we have had the opportunity review this plan with you, we propose to engage with stakeholders. To this point, this work has been internal to EAO and informed by discussions with natural resource ministries and general feedback from stakeholders about the environmental assessment process.

I look forward to discussing this with you in more detail at our meeting currently scheduled for November 13, 2013.

Sincerely,

Doug Caul
Associate Deputy Minister

Attachment

pc: Wes Shoemaker
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment

Work plan - Mandate Letter Review of the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO)

October 2013

The Minister's July 2013 mandate letter from the Premier includes the following commitment:

Review the Environmental Assessment Office and ensure timelines are appropriate for both economic development and environmental protection objectives and making recommendations for improvement as necessary.

s.12, s.13, s.17

Pages 3 through 10 redacted for the following reasons:

s.12, s.13