

Backgrounder Information



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SUPPORT FOR THE ONTARIO'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENTS

"Today's announcement shows that the Government has listened carefully to AMO and its member municipal governments. The proposed changes will bring greater transparency and efficiency to Ontario's Environmental Assessment process."

- *Roger Anderson, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.*

"We are encouraged that the minister is undertaking the challenge to reform the Environmental Assessment process. We are supportive of her efforts in this regard and await with great anticipation the coming reforms to the process that the minister is planning to release in the near future".

- *Keith Carrigan, VP and Chief Executive Officer, BFI.*

"From the City of Burlington's perspective, one of the main benefits of the Ministry's EA review is the recommendation to create a new class EA system for transit which will expedite needed transit related projects".

- *Leo Deloyde, General Manager, City of Burlington.*

"Creation of a new Class EA system for Transit will put transit projects on an equal footing with projects undertaken through the Class EA system for roads and Go Transit".

- *Andrea Bourrie, MCIP, RPP, Bourrie & Associates, OPPI.*

"Members of the Energy Table are pleased with the direction provided by the Minister's proposed improvements to the EA process. We look forward to participating in the detailed development of these proposals, and to improved efficiencies and greater accountability for electricity projects."

- *Steve Rowe, Ontario Society for Environmental Management; Jack Gibbons, Chair of Ontario Clean Air Alliance; Ann Joyner, Dillon Consulting; Cathy Spoel, Ontario Energy Board; Adam White, Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario.*

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