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Re: ERO 019-4189 Clarifying the authority to change the classes of projects to which a class environmental assessment process applies.

Dear Ms. Renwick:

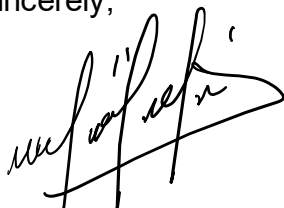
Thank you for providing us the opportunity to comment on ERO 019-4189 - Clarifying the authority to change the classes of projects to which a class environmental assessment (EA) process applies.

Region of Peel staff don't have any major concerns with the proposed change as key requirements and processes to protect the environment remain in place for Class EAs. We understand that projects that follow the Class EA process will still require consultation with Indigenous communities, the public and stakeholders, as well as the assessment of environmental impacts, development of mitigation measures and documentation of the findings in a report.

Nonetheless, consideration should be given to the degree of impact a particular project has on the environment when evaluating the change in classes of projects. Furthermore, if the Ministerial authority extends to both the comprehensive and streamlined EAs, then the list of Streamlined EAs should be publicly available for review, so that the public and entities required to carry out EAs have a complete picture of the impact of all these changes.

If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Polga at Miriam.polga@peelregion.ca.

Sincerely,



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