INDIGENOUS & STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT DOES NOT END AT PROJECT APPROVAL

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Purpose

Provide an overview of engagement issues in the post-decision phase of impact assessments

Discuss ideas that Canada is exploring to incorporate greater involvement post-decision
Impact Assessment Process
Current Issues

Issue 1: Practitioners - The assessment ends with the decision!

Issue 2: Indigenous groups & Stakeholders - Once the decision is made what’s the point in our involvement?

Issue 3: Continuation & consistency of engagement

Issue 4: Restrictions – legal, financial, other resources, etc.
Roles and Responsibilities

Other federal authorities provide input and advice on effectiveness of mitigation measures/additional measures to be taken.

Proponents provide follow-up reports relating to effectiveness of mitigation and accuracy of predictions.

Indigenous groups provide views on actual impacts to their rights and territory and means for addressing them.

Stakeholders provide views on actual impacts and means for addressing them.

Compliance Promotion & Enforcement provides compliance and enforcement support as needed.

Follow-up and Monitoring leads on work to determine effectiveness of mitigation and assess whether improvements are needed.
Goals of Indigenous & Stakeholder Involvement

• Opportunities for engagement of parties after a decision is made

• Greater accountability for proponents

• Accountability and improvements in the impact assessment process as a whole

• Greater public trust in the IA process
Legislative support

Conditions must include implementation of a follow-up program and, if appropriate, an adaptive management plan.

Ability to amend a decision statement, including to add or remove a condition, to amend any condition or to modify the designated project’s description.

Ability to establish monitoring committees for matters related to the implementation of follow-up programs and adaptive management plans.
Current approaches

1. Monitoring committees
2. Consultation in amendment process
3. Follow-Up Programs
4. Indigenous monitors program
Next steps

- Education
- Policy development
- Resources
Let’s continue the conversation!
Post questions and comments via chat in the IAIA22 platform.

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