

The following is a letter that you can use to express your concerns about the federal government's intention to weaken environmental assessment laws, which will undermine sustainable development in Canada. You should send this letter to the Minister of Environment Jim Prentice, and if possible also send copies to Prime Minister Harper and to the MPs who are the environment critics of the opposition parties.

- If you can, **personalize** your letter/email by adding information about your own specific concerns. This could relate to a particular type of development projects, a particular environmental assessment, or other sustainable development issues.
- Make sure to send a copy to **your own Member of Parliament**.
- After the letter, you will find a list of the mailing addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of all MPs who should be copied, if possible. Remember, postage is free for letters sent to MPs at the House of Commons!

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Dear Minister Prentice,

I have learned of government documents discussing the federal government's plans to eliminate legal requirements to conduct assessments of the adverse environmental effects of development projects under federal control. I oppose eliminating the key federal role in environmental assessment and urge you to abandon this initiative.

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act can and should be improved so that the tools it already provides result in a more effective and efficient federal environmental assessment process. A transparent process with ample opportunity for public input must be established to do this. Canadians want sustainable development. We will not reach this goal by eliminating environmental assessment but rather by strengthening it. Thank you for considering my views.

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