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Hello

Today the Government began public engagement on modernizing its environmental assessment process. Environmental assessment is a planning and decision-making tool used by governments globally. It supports sustainable development by allowing consideration of overall project impacts at an early stage.

You can read the press release here:

English: <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20230830001>

French: <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20230830002>

The last major update to Nova Scotia's environmental assessment regulations was over 15 years ago (in 2008). The world has changed in the last 15 years, and it continues to change quickly. This is why, as part of the [*Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act*](#), Government has committed to modernizing environmental assessment in the Province, by 2024, taking into consideration:

- Cumulative impacts
- Diversity, equity and inclusion
- independent review
- Netukulimk; and
- Climate change.

Public engagement runs from today until October 6th, 2023. For more information, visit <https://novascotia.ca/environmental-assessment-engagement>.

Through this website you can submit your input by:

- Completing the survey
- Using a Do-It-Yourself Workshop Kit to host a conversation
- Emailing your thoughts and
- Leaving a voicemail.

We encourage you to share this with your networks and to provide us with your input.

Thank you!