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Good day,

Ontario is taking continued action to streamline and modernize its almost 50-year-old environmental assessment (EA) process that is not reflective of best practices, unnecessarily burdensome and costly. We are proposing sensible, practical changes that would continue to provide strong environmental oversight while reducing delays to get shovels in the ground on projects that matter most to Ontario communities.

Today, on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, I am writing to let you know about our latest efforts to modernize the environmental assessment (EA) program in Ontario.

As the next step in this work, we are seeking your feedback on the following postings:

- [Moving to a project list approach under the Environmental Assessment Act](#)
- [Evaluating municipal class environmental assessment requirements for infrastructure projects](#)
- [Improving timelines for comprehensive environmental assessments](#)

Please note: we are seeking comments on these postings by May 9, 2023.

If you have any questions or comments about the postings, you may contact the Environmental Assessment Modernization Team at: [EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca](mailto:EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca).

We value your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Cross".

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