

3. Key issues and solutions

Respond to the following **using Table 1 on the last page**

(a) From the perspective of the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your ministry, what are the key issues that are material and relevant to decision-making and should be addressed? In identifying key issues, be mindful of the Project's context (size, scope, geography, policy) and the definitions of *effects*,² *sustainability*³ and *public interest*.⁴

(b) For each **key** issue:

- i. Identify the relevant valued component(s) within your mandate and describe the key pathway of effect or describe the nature of the issue. This may consider⁵ positive and negative effects on components of the environment or on health, social and economic conditions.
- ii. Identify any clarification or commitments the Proponent could make in its Detailed Project Description and Response to the Summary of Issues that would build confidence that issues can be addressed and managed without further impact assessment⁶, or that can help focus the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines⁷, if an impact assessment is required.

(c) For each issue and solution discussed, provide a concise, plain-language summary that is appropriate for inclusion in the Summary of Issues.

4. Provincial policies, operational guidance, and permits and approvals

Within the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your ministry, list, along with a brief description, specific operational policies or guidance documents that could help address issues and manage effects relevant to the project context.

² Note: *effects*, *direct and incidental effects*, and *effects within federal jurisdiction* are defined in section 2 of the *Impact Assessment Act*, which can be found at <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/corporate/acts-regulations/legislation-regulations.html>

³ Guidance: Considering the Extent to which a Project Contributes to Sustainability <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/guidance-considering.html>

⁴ Policy Context: Public Interest Determination under the *Impact Assessment Act* <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/public-interest-determination-under-impact-assessment-act.html>

⁵ Other considerations may include sources of high uncertainty that complicate predictions; the purpose and need for the Project and selected alternatives.

⁶ This could mean that mitigation measures that the proponent has committed to in the Detailed Project Description are referenced in the potential Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines.

⁷ For example, regulatory instruments, operational guidance or well-understood mitigation and monitoring measures of proven effectiveness.

5. (a) List and provide a short description of provincial permits or regulatory approvals that might be applicable to the Project.

(b) For each provincial permit or regulatory approval that may be required for the Project, please provide the following information:

- i. Explain any associated framework to address effects on valued components within your mandate.
- ii. Describe any Indigenous consultation activities that would occur, potential timelines for Indigenous participation, and how potential impacts to Indigenous communities are addressed by your ministry.
- iii. Describe any public participation opportunities that would occur, and potential timelines for public participation.

6. Is there any additional information related to the geographic context of the Project (e.g., potential effects to natural heritage features, Indigenous protected and conserved areas, provincial species at risk, provincial policy statements on planning or zoning in the area) for which your ministry has information or authority?

Table 1: Key Issues and Solutions Material and Relevant to Decision-making

Comment ID	Document Reference	Valued Component	Description of Key Issue (Context and Rationale)	Solutions for the Proponent	Summary of Issues
<p>Please identify comments by organization and comment number. e.g.: IAAC-01</p>	<p>If the comment is related to a specific section of the Initial Project Description, please provide a reference. You may also choose to copy the relevant text here.</p>	<p>Identify the valued component(s), within your ministry's mandate, to which the effect or issue applies. This may include components of the environment, health, social or economic conditions.</p>	<p>Provide context for the effect or issue. Describe, to the extent possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The positive or negative pathway of effect or nature of the issue. • Any powers, duties or functions that your department or agency has that may mitigate, manage, or set conditions related to the effect. • Operational guidance or standard and well-understood mitigation or monitoring measures that would address the effect. • Any established or emerging policies or directives that are relevant. • The potential for residual effects after mitigation has been applied. 	<p>Where applicable and necessary, provide instructions for how the Proponent would build confidence about the management of the potential effect, in the Detailed Project Description and Response to the Summary of Issues</p>	<p>For issues and effects to be included in the Summary of Issues, provide a concise, plain language synopsis.</p>

Please insert additional rows as necessary.