

MOECC/MEA/RCCAO Joint Workshop on EA Reform
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Rank	Theme	Comments
1	Timely Part II Order Decisions	There is support for the “smart form” and a firm deadline for decisions as per the 1987 version of the MCEA whereby projects could proceed if a decision had not been provided within the defined timeframe.
2	Clarification related to provincial initiatives such as Indigenous Community Consultation and Climate Change	What are the expectations? What is adequate Indigenous consultation? Storm or drainage related projects are intended to address climate change. When asked about how the project addresses climate change, it appears to be a duplication of effort.
3	Review of the Schedules	Is dollar value really the most appropriate measure for determining which schedule to use?
4	Coordination with other Acts	Harmonize with Federal EA and the Planning Act. Eliminate “double jeopardy” i.e. ability to appeal under the Planning Act as well as a Part II Order request under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act
5	Schedule A & A+ Exemption from Part II of the EAA	Provide certainty with respect to what is subject to Part II and provide clarity with respect to Schedule A and A+ being exempt.

Other	Clarify how to address Source Water Protection	Should there be a separate process?
	Streamline the amendment process for the MCEA	The process should be more agile.
	Communication	Improve communication among MEA members on changes to the MCEA. Address the notification requirements in the MCEA as print media is declining and there is a movement toward digital media.
	Conditions on Part II Order denials	Conditions should relate to the MCEA process and the Part II order request only
	Expiry of Studies	Extenuating circumstances such as economic conditions could lead to significant delays in implementation and expiry of the study
	Completeness of the study	Incomplete or substandard documentation leads to more time required to address Part II Order requests
	Scope of MCEA studies	MCEA studies are going into more depth, covering more topics and going to a detail design level which is more costly and delaying projects
	Coordination of recommendations and enforcement	Who is ensuring that the recommendations are being implemented according to the report?