

Federal Approach to “One Project, One Review” and Co-Operation Agreements



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Impact Assessment in Canada: Shared Jurisdiction

Canada's Constitution divides legislative powers

Federal

Federal lands, Interprovincial & International Trade

Navigation & Shipping

Fisheries

Provincial

Resource Management
(mining and forestry)

Generation and Delivery of Electric Power

Local Works & Undertakings

The environment is a shared responsibility that requires co-operation and collaboration



Impact Assessment Regimes in Canada



The *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA) governs federal IA in Canada



Provinces and territories maintain distinct legislated assessment requirements



Indigenous impact assessment continues to develop and formalize



Co-operation approaches

Three primary mechanisms enabling “One Project, One Review”:



Early IA decision



Substitution to a
province's process



Substitution to a
harmonized process

- Approaches may differ depending on project, impacts, and provincial processes
- Early notification and information sharing inform selection of approach



Co-operation agreements with provinces

- ✓ Apply to projects subject to both federal and provincial assessment
- ✓ Clarify shared responsibilities
- ✓ Reduce duplication between processes
- ✓ Enable co-operative assessments through a single process
- ✓ Maximize flexibilities under the IAA



Agreement contents

Framework for how Canada works with a Province

Early engagement

Reliance on each other's processes

Approach to assessment

Indigenous consultation

Permitting co-ordination



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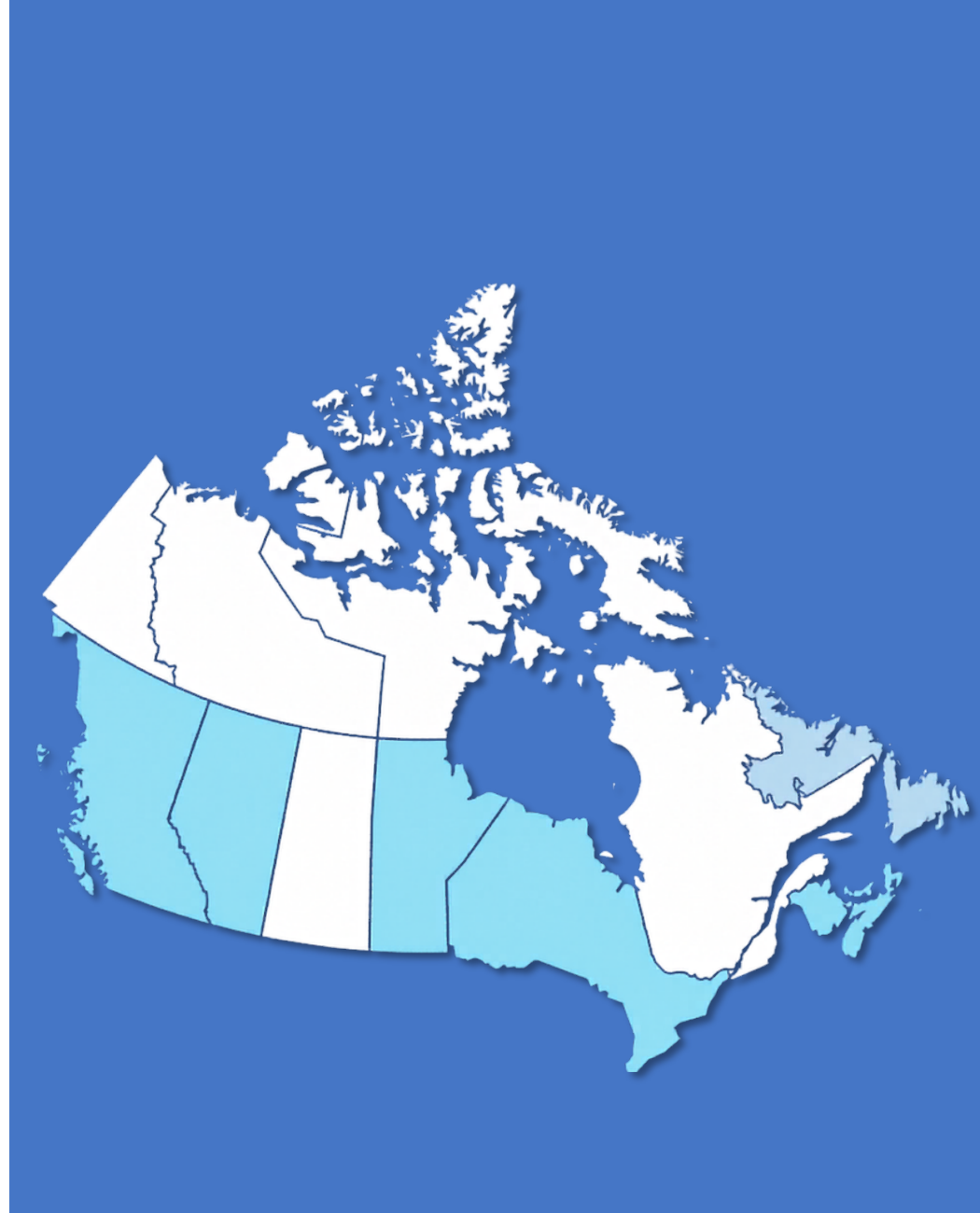
Status of agreements

✓ Final Agreements

Province	Date Announced
British Columbia	2019
New Brunswick	Dec. 16, 2025
Ontario	Dec. 18, 2025
Prince Edward Island	Mar. 26, 2026
Nova Scotia	Mar. 27, 2026
Alberta	Apr. 2, 2026
Manitoba	Apr. 14, 2026

⚙ Draft Agreements

Province	Status
Newfoundland and Labrador	Public comment Apr. 1 – Apr. 28, 2026





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