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Sent by email

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Dear Andrea Brown:

**Subject: Summary of Issues for the Marmora Clean Energy Hub Project**

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) conducted a comment period from May 19, 2023, to June 19, 2023, inviting participants to provide feedback related to the Marmora Clean Energy Hub Project (the Project). All submissions received are available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (the Registry; Reference Number 84597).<sup>1</sup>

A Summary of Issues document, which reflects the comments received by the Agency during the comment period, is enclosed with this letter. As it is a high-level summary, the Agency requests that you review all original submissions posted on the Registry to inform your understanding of the points and the context in which the submitters provided their comments. The Agency notes that many original submissions raised concerns and comments regarding the stability of the open pit and the waste rock piles, the quality of the water in the open pit and potential effects of its seepage or discharge into local waterbodies.

As you prepare the Terms of Reference for the provincial environment assessment, the Agency encourages you to consider the original submissions for concerns and comments that can be addressed through the provincial assessment process. In particular, the Agency encourages you to meet with the Ontario Ministry of Mines and the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, to clarify expectations and potential obligations from the province of Ontario regarding the use of an abandoned mine for this Project. The Agency would appreciate participating in such a meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/84597/contributions>



Please note that some interested parties may not have had the opportunity or capacity to provide comments during the comment period on the Initial Project Description. The *Submit a Comment* feature on the Registry page remains available throughout the assessment process. You are encouraged to review and consider any comments submitted within a reasonable time period after the close of the comment period, when preparing the response to the Summary of Issues.

Pursuant to subsection 15(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*, you must provide the Agency with a Detailed Project Description that sets out how you intend to address the issues outlined in the Summary of Issues and that includes the information described in the *Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations* (the Regulations). The requirements for the Detailed Project Description are set out in section 4 and Schedule 2 of the Regulations. Please consult the *Guide to Preparing an Initial Project Description and a Detailed Project Description*<sup>2</sup> for further information. You are encouraged to provide meaningful responses to the issues documented in the Summary of Issues to inform the Agency's decision on whether to require an impact assessment for the Project.

The Detailed Project Description and the Summary of the Detailed Project Description must contain the information from the Initial Project Description in addition to the necessary information in the Response to the Summary of Issues. For ease of reference, the Agency requests that the Response to the Summary of Issues be provided in a table with cross-references to other parts of the Detailed Project Description, as warranted. The details presented in the table should also be included in the main body of the Detailed Project Description and the Summary of the Detailed Project Description. The Agency also requests that your responses characterize potential effects and the associated mitigation measures in relation to the phase of the Project when they would occur (e.g. construction, operations). If you choose to include appendices, please include references to the appropriate appendix in the relevant sections of the Detailed Project Description and summarize the relevant points in the main body of the Detailed Project Description.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/guide-preparing-project-description-detailed-project-description>

The Agency requests that the Detailed Project Description, and Summary Detailed Project Description, include all engagement up to the time of submission with Indigenous communities and the public, along with a sufficiently detailed overview of future planned engagement during all phases of the Project. The Detailed Project Description should be clear on how comments and input from Indigenous communities and the public informed the analysis of potential effects and the development of mitigation measures. Any commitments that you made to address issues should be detailed in the document.

The Detailed Project Description must also contain electronic geospatial data files for the site maps, detailing the Project's proposed location and the spatial relationship of the project components. More information is available in the Agency's *Guidance on Submitting Geospatial Data*.<sup>3</sup>

Please provide the Agency with your Detailed Project Description, including the response to the Summary of Issues, **by July 29, 2023**, or inform the Agency that more time is required. You are strongly encouraged to contact the Agency in the next few days to discuss how much time will be required to produce the Detailed Project Description. If more than 30 days are required, please notify the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, with a copy to [Marmora@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:Marmora@iaac-aeic.gc.ca), in writing and request that the Agency suspend the time limit until the required information is provided.

If an impact assessment is required for the Project, the Agency will provide you with Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (Guidelines). The Agency will use the information provided in the Detailed Project Description, the response to Summary of Issues, and comments received by the Agency to inform the Agency's understanding of the valued components that are relevant to the Project, and thereby inform the Agency's scoping decisions in the development of the Guidelines.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/guidance-submitting-geospatial-data#toc3>

**Important note:** Any information submitted to the Agency to inform this project assessment will be made publicly available as part of the project file, and may be posted online via the Registry (Reference Number 84597), subject to certain exceptions related to privacy, security or confidentiality. The Agency's Submission Policy<sup>4</sup> describes what submitted information can be shared publicly, and what should remain private. For further information on how we protect your privacy, please refer to the Privacy Notice.<sup>5</sup>

The Agency's Project Team will contact you shortly to arrange a meeting to discuss next steps. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Natalie Boyd at 647-616-2471 or [Marmora@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:Marmora@iaac-aeic.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

<original signed by>

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Enclosure: Marmora Clean Energy Hub Project – Summary of Issues

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<sup>4</sup> <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/participation/conditions>

<sup>5</sup> <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/protection>