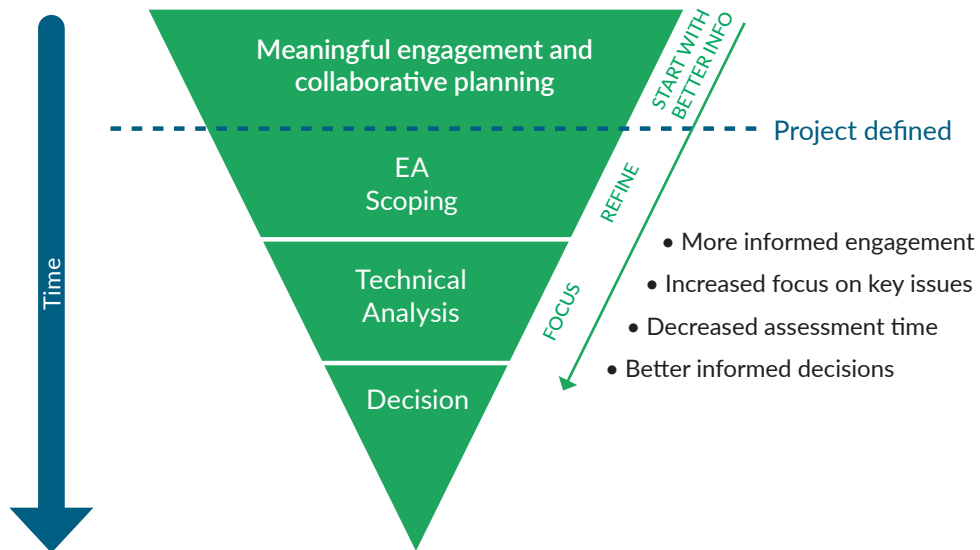
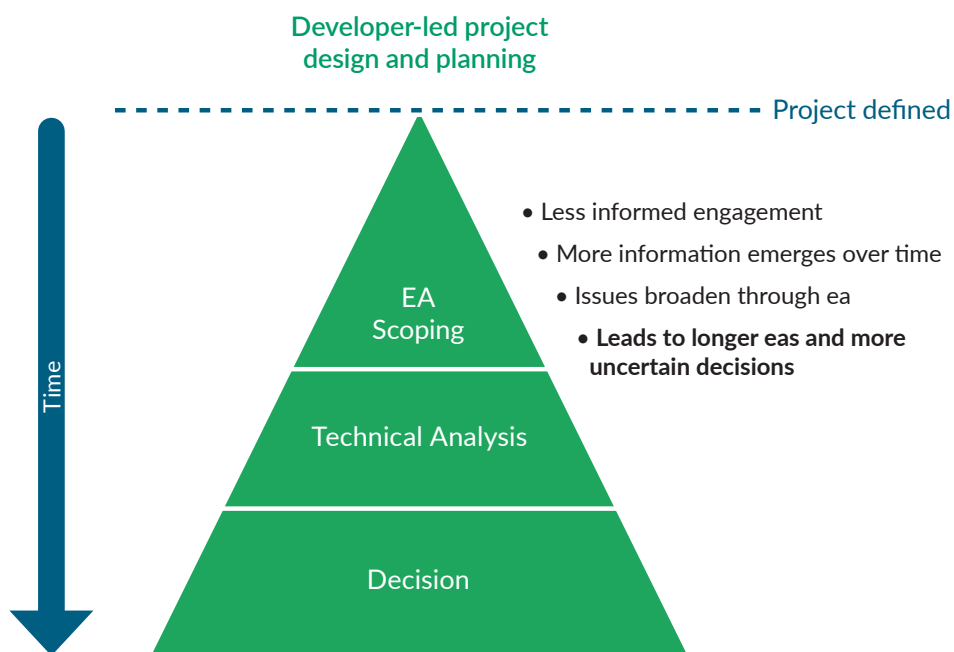


# HOW DO THE GUIDELINES IMPROVE THE EA PROCESS?

## EA Process with new Guidelines



## Current EA Process



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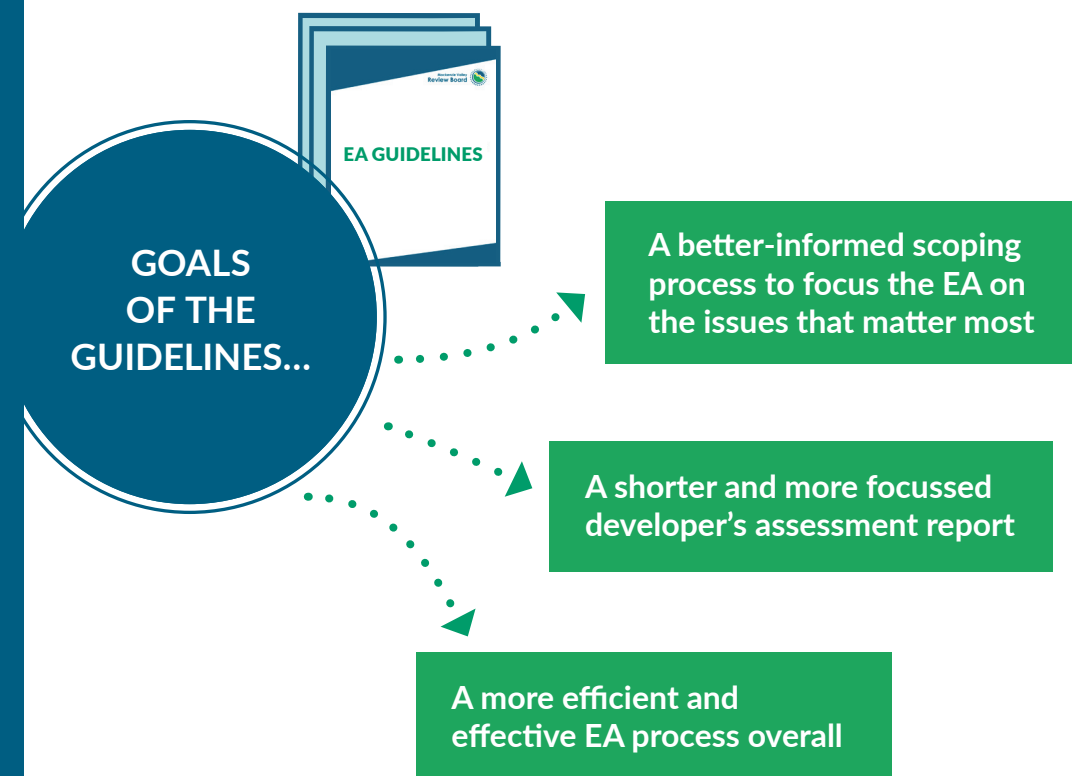


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## DRAFT EA INITIATION GUIDELINES

The draft Guidelines describe the information needed to begin an environmental assessment (EA) for a major project and provide guidance for developers to prepare that information.



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# WHAT DO THE GUIDELINES MEAN FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE EA PROCESS?



## GOOD INFORMATION EARLY IN THE EA...

### The developer can:

- Understand expectations and prepare information in advance. Not more info, earlier info.
- Use good info to work with parties to refine project design and mitigations, and identify priority issues to further assess.
- Have more confidence in the efficiency of EA startup. Fewer surprises later.

### Government parties can:

- Understand project and potential impacts, prioritize major issues, recommend assessment methods.

### Indigenous parties can:

- Understand project and potential impacts, decide on level of participation, plan resourcing to maximize use of capacity.
- Meaningfully participate in engagement, collaborative project design, and priority setting for EA.



## MORE EFFECTIVE SCOPING...

### The developer can:

- Prepare a shorter and more focussed Developer's Assessment Report (DAR) focusing on issues that matter most.
- Know what to assess fully and what to leave out.
- Get agreement on acceptable assessment methods earlier.

### Government parties can:

- Separate issues that need EA work from those that can be dealt with during permitting.
- Work with developer on acceptable assessment methods.

### Indigenous parties can:

- Ensure EA focusses on issues that matter most.
- Be well-informed from the start, not playing catchup.

## SHORTENED AND FOCUSED DEVELOPERS ASSESSMENT REPORT...

### For the developer:

- Time and money better spent. Organize resources more efficiently and effectively to investigate key issues.
- Fewer issues to assess fully. Focus on mitigations to minimize impacts and maximize benefits.
- More efficient DAR review and information requests.

### For Government parties:

- DAR more focussed and accessible.
- More efficient to review, ask questions, and identify remaining concerns.

### For Indigenous parties:

- DAR more focussed and accessible.
- More efficient use of capacity, greater ability to focus on issues that matter most.

## BENEFITS FOR DECISION-MAKERS, ALL PARTIES, AND THE PUBLIC

- Information is more accessible
- Focus on key issues earlier
- Avoid issues unlikely to lead to significant impacts
- Better use of limited capacity
- More confidence in timeliness and efficiency of EA process