

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BILL 51

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Honourable George Heyman to move, in Committee of the Whole, on  
**Bill 51**

## *Environmental Assessment Act*

to amend as follows:

**SECTION 26, by deleting the text shown as struck out and adding the underlined text as shown:**

### **Advice from consultants, ~~and mediators~~ and experts during assessment**

- 26** (1) The chief executive assessment officer and, subject to any restrictions imposed by the minister, an assessment body appointed under section 24 (3) (a) may retain consultants, ~~and mediators~~ and experts and set their remuneration and the terms of their retainers.
- (2) All or part of the advice and recommendations of consultants, ~~and mediators~~ and experts retained under subsection (1) may be reflected in the assessment report and in any recommendations submitted to the ministers under section 29 (2).

**SECTION 40, by deleting the text shown as struck out and adding the underlined text as shown:**

### **Project information centre**

- 40** (1) For the purpose of facilitating public access to information, data and records relating to assessments conducted under this Act, the project information centre is continued and must ~~is to be~~ administered and maintained by the chief executive assessment officer.
- (2) The chief executive assessment officer may determine
- (a) which information, data and records or classes of information, data and records relating to any matter under this Act are to be available to the public through the project information centre,
  - (b) in which form or format the records or classes of records are to be available, and
  - (c) the time during which the records are to be available.

**SECTION 77 (2) (e), by deleting the text shown as struck out and adding the underlined text as shown:**

- (e) respecting qualifications of individuals who may serve on the technical advisory committee, ~~and~~ of persons who may undertake reviews referred to in section 19 (2) (c) (ii) and of persons referred to in section 19 (2) (c) (iv) or 26, including, without limitation, qualifications respecting impartiality;

**SECTION 78 (6), by adding the underlined text as shown:**

- (6) Despite the repeal of the former Act and subject to subsection (7), if an order under section 11 or 14 of the former Act was issued respecting a project but a decision under section 17 of the former Act has not been made before the date this section comes into force, the former Act applies respecting both an assessment of the project and a decision under section 17 of that Act, but only if the project proponent provides a notice to the chief executive assessment officer within 6 months of this section coming into force that the proponent wishes to continue the assessment under the former Act.

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**The Honourable George Heyman**