

## 18.5.2

When a Project Proposal has been referred to the EMRIRB by the Minister for review, the EMRIRB shall, upon soliciting any advice it considers appropriate, issue guidelines to the Proponent for the preparation of an impact statement. It is the responsibility of the Proponent to prepare an impact statement in accordance with any guidelines established by the EMRIRB. Where the original Project Proposal submitted by the Proponent for screening contains the information required for an impact statement, the EMRIRB may accept the original Project Proposal instead of requiring the preparation of an impact statement. Where appropriate, an impact statement shall contain the following:

- a) project description, including the purpose and need for the project;
- b) anticipated Ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts of the project;
- c) anticipated effects of the project on the Environment and vice versa;
- d) steps which the Proponent proposes to take including any contingency plans, to avoid and mitigate adverse impacts;
- e) steps which the Proponent proposes to take to optimize benefits of the project, with specific consideration being given to expressed community and regional preferences as to benefits;
- f) steps which the Proponent proposes to take to compensate interests adversely affected by the project;
- g) the monitoring program that the Proponent proposes to establish with respect to Ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts;
- h) the interests in Lands, Water or Seawater which the Proponent has secured, or seeks to secure;
- i) options for implementing the Project Proposal;
- j) anticipated effects of the project on Wildlife and the use of Wildlife by Crees;
- k) report on discussions carried out and agreements reached with concerned Cree communities;