

Evidence-Based Analysis

Parks Canada DIA determinations are based on best available evidence, including Western science and Indigenous knowledge. Parks Canada is among the few protected area systems in the world that has a system-wide ecological monitoring and reporting program that informs priorities and guides investments in conservation. Indigenous peoples have accumulated knowledge of traditional territories, including the lands and waters that Parks Canada administers, through generations of experience. Together, both forms of evidence contribute to high confidence determinations based on the defensible, transparent analysis.



DIA Follow-up

Ecosystems can be complex. When we conduct a DIA, we may not fully understand how the project might interact with the environment. Follow-up monitoring programs are used to evaluate whether the mitigation measures work and to reduce risks to the environment by making adjustments over time as needed.

How can you get involved?

Parks Canada welcomes your comments. Information about how to obtain a draft DIA report is posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry. We encourage you to consider the following when reviewing the draft:

- What aspects of the environment or cultural history of the area are you most concerned about?
- What impact to the environment or cultural history of the area are you concerned about?
- What knowledge do you have of the environmental or cultural history, potential impacts or potential actions that might help lessen impacts of the proposal?
- Why do you think the potential impacts you identified are important to raise?
- Are there any other projects that you are aware of that might contribute to any cumulative effects associated with the proposal?
- What opportunities can you suggest to increase the conservation gains of the proposal?

To learn more about
Parks Canada's impact assessment tools,
get involved, or become part of
the process, visit

<https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/nature/eie-eia>



Detailed Impact Assessment Process at Parks Canada



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Understanding the Detailed Impact Assessment Process at Parks Canada

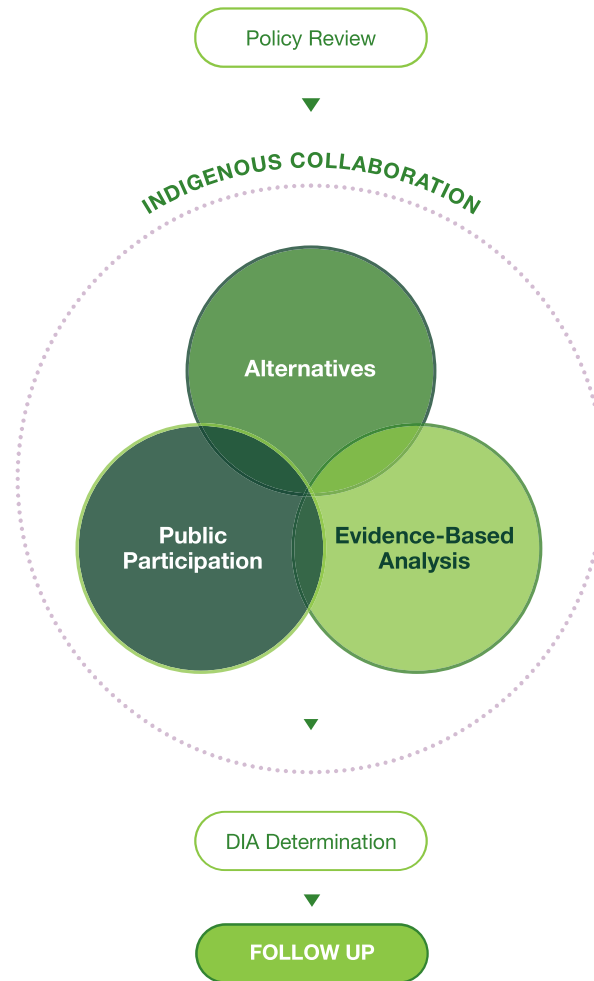
Parks Canada has a robust framework in place to assess the impact of project proposals on national parks, marine conservation areas and historic sites. The type of assessment applied depends on the complexity of the project and level of risk to the environment.

A Detailed Impact Assessment (DIA) is the process Parks Canada uses to evaluate the potential negative impacts of projects or activities where impacts are uncertain, where interest from the public is likely to be high, or where there is a potential for large adverse effects on values of importance to Indigenous peoples. DIA is Parks Canada's most comprehensive level of assessment. Examples of projects or activities that would likely be assessed using a DIA are projects involving substantive changes to resorts or recreational facilities, or expanded roads.



What does a DIA involve?

The DIA process is applied to project proposals that fit within Parks Canada policy and mandate.



Impact assessments that respect the rights and interests of Indigenous peoples result in better decisions and support reconciliation. Collaborating with numerous Indigenous groups across Canada, Parks Canada and Indigenous peoples are partners in conserving natural and cultural heritage and sharing the stories of these treasured places. Parks Canada invites its Indigenous partners to engage and consult on all DIAs prepared for Parks Canada. All engagement and consultation plans are developed in collaboration with the interested partners.



Consideration of Alternatives

The planning of complex projects may involve the consideration of alternatives to ensure that the best option is selected for project development.

Public Participation

DIAs are an opportunity for you to share your views with Parks Canada on a proposed project. Notifications of upcoming DIAs are posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (CIAR). Here, Canadians can access information on the impact assessment, obtain information on additional opportunities to participate, provide comments and ask questions directly through the platform. The DIA decision will also be posted on the CIAR.