

# Environmental Assessment (EA) in the Spotlight

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*"If EA is done well, it can improve decisions - and the decision making process - on projects or policies that will have environmental effects." Brenna Lloyd,  
Northwatch*

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act roadshow is coming to Fredericton and they want to talk to you! The Act is undergoing a Five Year Review and there will be a public meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at the Sheraton Hotel in Fredericton. As well, Marilyn Powell, Grand Lake Meadows Conservation Committee, Ronald Fournier, Clearinghouse Group and Allison Howells, NB Lung Association have been selected by the CEN EA Caucus to attend a meeting in Halifax for non-government groups.

Briefing papers on 18 different topics have been prepared by the caucus and are on-line on the CEN site or available from the NBEN office. The environmental movement needs to respond to this initiative because, without a doubt, industry will be lobbying hard. The CEN would also like to hear from all groups that have been involved in the past with an EA process and they have produced a 4 page survey with lots of fun boxes to check. We have enclosed it with this newsletter.