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Katie McIntyre Mills:

Thank you for your letter of April 16, 2024, to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change concerning the designation of the Dartmouth Cove Waterfront Infill Project.

On October 13, 2023, the Supreme Court of Canada issued its decision on the constitutionality of the *Impact Assessment Act* (the IAA) and found that it was partially unconstitutional. Following this decision, the Government of Canada released the *Statement on the Interim Administration of the Impact Assessment Act Pending Legislative Amendments* (Interim Statement) on October 26, 2023. On May 2, 2024, the Government of Canada tabled proposed amendments to the IAA through the *Budget Implementation Act* to respond to the Supreme Court of Canada's decision. The proposed amendments will only be final once the parliamentary review process is complete, and the bill receives royal assent. Until then, the interim measures set out by the Government of Canada will remain in place.

As described in the Interim Statement, no decisions to designate projects will be taken by the Minister in the interim period. Consideration of any new designation requests will only resume, as appropriate, once amended legislation is in force.

As you are aware, the Project is currently under review by Fisheries and Oceans Canada. I encourage you to share your concerns with this federal authority.

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Thank you for your interest in the impact assessment process. For further information about the interim measures that will be in place until the IAA is amended, please consult our webpage: [Statement on the Interim Administration of the Impact Assessment Act Pending Legislative Amendments - Canada.ca](#)

Sincerely,

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