

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Panel Discussion: Thursday, June 11, 1987
7:30 - 10:00 pm

Development Education Centre Auditorium
229 College Street
(near Spadina)

The Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, enacted in 1975, is intended to apply to the private sector once sufficient experience has been gained with public sector assessments. During the 1985 election, the Liberal Party pledged to extend the Act to the private sector. Moving in that direction, the Ministry of the Environment recently brought private sector energy from waste facilities under the terms of the Act.

Public pressure for increased environmental protection and more government regulation will inevitably increase over the next few years. Application of environmental assessment legislation to industry, both in Ontario and other provinces, is a likely response. It is essential, therefore, that planning be done now to ensure that environmental assessment maximizes environmental protection while minimizing the regulatory burden placed on industry.

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Accordingly, panel members listed below will discuss the question :

" How can environmental legislation in Ontario and other parts of Canada best be applied to the private sector ? "

PANEL MEMBERS:

- Dr. Robert Gibson,
University of Waterloo
- Dr. Beth Savan,
University of Toronto
- Mr. Brian Ward, Director
Environmental Assessment Branch,
Ministry of the Environment
- Mr. Tom Lederer,
Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt
- Mr. Steven Shrybman,
Canadian Environmental Law Association
- Mr. Robert Lawson,
TSI Trintek Systems Ltd.

Members of the public are invited to attend at no charge

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NEWS RELEASE

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On Thursday, June 11, 1987, 7:30 - 10:00 pm, the Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation will host a public discussion of how environmental assessment legislation in Ontario and other provinces can best be applied to private sector undertakings.

Earlier this year, CELRF released a study recommending that the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act be applied to the private sector, as originally planned. The authors of that study will present their findings and recommendations and debate them with lawyers and industry representatives who are experienced with the environmental assessment process.

A description of the event, including time and place, is attached.

Although the event will be held on June 11, it is a part of the Environment Week activities sponsored by Environment Canada. Funding for the discussion was provided by Environment Canada.

For more information contact Mr. Doug Macdonald at 977-2410.