Thank you for your continued interest in the Georgina Island Fixed Link Project (the Project), proposed by the Georgina Island Fixed Link Project (the proponent).

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) conducted a public comment period from April 26, 2022, to May 29, 2022, to collect input from the public, Indigenous groups, federal authorities, provincial ministries and municipalities on the Initial Project Description and any issues that they consider relevant to the Project. To support public participation during the comment period, the Agency held virtual information sharing and discussion sessions on May 10 and 18, 2022, to provide information about the Project and the impact assessment process. Thank you to those of you who provided comments.

The Summary of Issues document, which reflects the comments received by the Agency in conjunction with the information already available in the proponent's Initial Project Description, was submitted to the proponent on June 8, 2022, and is available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry page for the project. (Reference # 83539 at <a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/144102?culture=en-CA">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/144102?culture=en-CA</a>). The Registry also includes comments that were received from Indigenous groups, the public, federal authorities, provincial ministries, municipalities and the public.

## Next steps

Pursuant to subsection 15(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA), the proponent must provide the Agency with a Detailed Project Description that sets out how it intends to address the issues in the Summary of Issues and includes the information described in Schedule 2 of the *Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations* (the Regulations).

**For your information**: Any proponent may notify the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and the Agency that it wishes to suspend the 180-day time limit of the planning phase of the impact assessment process to provide itself more time to prepare the Detailed Project Description, along with their response to the Summary of Issues. If such a request is received and accepted, the Agency would post a notice on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry internet site for the project and would notify participating public groups.

The Detailed Project Description and the proponent's responses to the Summary of Issues will inform the Agency's determination of whether an impact assessment will be required for the Project, and would also inform the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, should an assessment be required. If the Agency determines that a federal impact assessment is required, the public will have additional opportunities to comment over the course of the impact assessment process.

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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email at <u>Georginalsland-lleGeorgina@iaac-aeic.gc.ca</u>.

## **Inclusion in the Agency's distribution list**

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The Agency is contacting you as it has identified that you or your organization may have an interest in the Project; or because you have participated in the information sharing and discussion sessions; and/or submitted comments on the Project. Should you wish to be removed from the Agency's distribution list, please notify the Agency at the email address above.

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