Appendix: Summary of Ontario Government Recommendations for the Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources, Bill C-69

Recommendations on Pipelines:

- That, if passed, Bill C-69 should be implemented in a way that ensures it focuses on the safety and environmental risks of a project rather than debating broader matters of policy, particularly those that fall under provincial jurisdiction.

- That, the Bill must be redrafted, so that if passed, it would firmly establish its scope of application and provide guidelines on the weighting given to different factors.

- That, if Bill C-69 is passed, the authority of the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change to designate projects for review under the Act should only be used for projects of true national significance and potential major impact.

- That, Bill C-69 should be amended to reduce the maximum timeline for overall reviews.

Recommendations on Nuclear:

- That, the Bill should be amended so that the CNSC shares equal responsibility for the conduct of the entire review panel process – including the Early Planning and Engagement Phase.

- That, Bill C-69 should be amended so that it firmly establishes the scope of application and provides guidelines on the weighting given to different factors considered in decisions made under the proposed Act.

- That the authority of the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change to designate projects for review under the proposed Act should only be used for projects of true national significance and potential major impact.
• That, the Bill should be amended to exclude the following types of nuclear projects from the list of projects subject to Bill C-69:

  1. Existing nuclear reactor facilities undergoing refurbishment.

  2. Construction of new nuclear reactors or facilities on existing nuclear sites that are currently licenced by the CNSC.

  3. And construction of next-generation nuclear reactors – such as SMRs – that have improved safety and low environmental impacts. This should not be limited to only those reactors that fall below applicable thresholds recommended by industry stakeholders and the CNSC.

**Recommendations on Mining:**

• That, Bill C-69 be amended to include a transition mechanism that would be put in place to ensure projects currently undergoing a federal environmental assessment be allowed to continue under the provisions of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012, unless the proponent requests transition to the Impact Assessment Act.

• That Bill C-69 be amended to provide mechanisms for federal, provincial and Indigenous collaboration on project assessment – “one project–one review”. This should help produce timelier outcomes and reduce uncertainty.