

Editorial comments from the GNWT for NIRB’s consideration – Additional comments on the NIRB 2024 Revised Draft Standard Impact Statement Guidelines

Comment Number	Subject	Reference	Priority	Background/Rationale	Recommendation to Address Issues
1	Definitions	p.6, footnote 1	low	Editorial – words “to as” are missing.	Footnote 1: Change “referred biophysical” to “referred to as biophysical.”
2	Definition of “Local Study Area”	p.8	low	Editorial – word “to” is not needed.	Delete “to” before “possible abnormal operating conditions.”
3	Definition of “Party”	p.8	low	The use of “and” in the definition isn’t ideal.	Replace “and” with “which.”
4	Definition of “Precautionary Principle”	p.8	low	The first sentence of the definition needs to have wording added to be consistent with it being a definition.	Add to the beginning of the first sentence: “The principle that...”.
5	Definition of “Significance”	p.10	low	Editorial - The word “are” missing after “consider” in the second sentence.	Add “are” after “consider.”
6	Definition of “System”	p.10	low	The word “systems” should be changed to “components” in the definition so that the definition doesn’t use the same term as the defined term.	Change “systems” in the definition to “components.”
7	Definition of “Threshold of impact”	p.10	low	This term isn’t used in the body of the document (other than where it is again set out as a defined term with the same definition).	If the final version of the Guidelines does not use this term, it should be deleted from the definitions.
8	Definition of “Threshold for mitigation”	p.10	low	The definition needs different wording at the beginning of the definition to be consistent with the defined term.	Replace “when” with “the threshold at which.”
9	Definition of “Transboundary impacts”	p.10	low	Editorial - typo.	Change “are” to “area.”
10	1.4.2 Project Proposal	Section 1.4.2 - p.20	low	Editorial – word “the” missing	Change “If the Proponent wants project proposal” to “If the

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	Submitted During NIRB Screening				Proponent wants the project proposal.”
11	1.4.2- Figure 2 First box	Section 1.4.2 - p.21	low	Text is missing at the end of the first box.	Add the missing text, which it appears should be “... project proposal.”
12	1.4.2 - Figure 2 Fourth box	Section 1.4.2 - p.21	low	The word “communities” is missing at the end of this box.	Add the word “communities.”
13	2.1 - Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit	Section 2.1 -p.24	low	It isn’t necessary to repeat the definition of “Community Knowledge” and “Indigenous Knowledge”- setting those out in the definitions section suffices.	Delete the definition of “Community Knowledge” and “Indigenous Knowledge” in this section.
14	2.2 - Public Engagement	Section 2.2 - p. 27. First paragraph	low	Editorial – unclear or missing wording in “These differ according to the direction and flow of information and extent of the participants in a process.” [emphasis added]	Reword so meaning is clear.
15	2.3 - Precautionary Principle	Section 2.3 - p.29 - Final sentence	low	Editorial - A comma is missing after “impacts.”	Add a comma after “impacts.”
16	3.1 - Study Strategy and Methodology	Section 3.1 - p.33 - Third bullet after “The proponent shall.”	low	Editorial - the term “rational” should be changed to “rationale.”	Change “rational” to “rationale.”
17	3.1.1 -Acquisition Methodology and Data Analysis	Section 3.1.1 -p.34 - First full sentence on this page.	low	Editorial.	Change “are” to “is.”
18	4.1.3 Main Document	Section 4.1.3 -p.3, first par under this heading	low	Editorial – repetition of “stand-alone document”	In the first line, delete “is a stand-alone document”

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19	4.3.4 - Economic and Employment Information	4.3.4, p. 18 - final bullet	low	Editorial - apostrophe	Change “worker’s” to “workers’.”
20	4.4.1.1 Meaningful Public Engagement	Section 4.4.1.1- p. 20. First par in section, third sentence	Low	Editorial.	Change “demonstration” to “demonstrate”
21	Fix typo within Section 4.4.2	Section 4.4.2, page 24, bullet point 1	low	Editorial – typo.	Replace “pos-closure” with “post-closure.”
22	4.4.2 Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, Indigenous Knowledge, and Community Knowledge	Section 4.4.2 - p. 25 – 3 rd last sentence before blue text box	low	Editorial - The word “Knowledge” is missing after “Community.”	Add “Knowledge” after “Community.”
23	4.4.5.3	Section 4.4.5.3 - p.42 - bullet that begins “how the modelling”	low	Editorial – misplaced semi-colon	Move semi-colon to bullet above, which is missing one.
24	4.4.5.4 Cumulative Impact Assessment	Section 4.4.5.4 - p.44 - final bullet	low	A comma is missing after “parties.”	Add a comma after “parties.”
25	4.6 Environmental Management System	Section 4.6 - p.62 - first sentence after green text box	low	Editorial – placement of apostrophe	Change “Proponents” to “Proponent’s.”