



- Establishes three-party approval of land use plans by Inuit, Canada and the GN.
- Further clarifies the role of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency in Nunavut and thus eliminates the overlapping jurisdiction.
- Makes clear what projects are subject to assessment.
- Allows for enforcement of land use plans and project certificates on Inuit owned lands, crown lands and commissioner's lands.
- Requires public hearings to be conducted in Inuktitut if requested by a member, proponent or intervener.

The *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* marks an important achievement in the efforts by Canada, the Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik together to strengthen land and resource management for the territory. All three parties worked closely to craft this legislation over a number of years. The close collaboration and the certainty created by the legislation will support the smooth devolution of authority over lands and resources from the federal government to the Government of Nunavut.

“Bill C-47 will make an important contribution to the economic development of Nunavut,” said Akeeagok. “This legislation is an important achievement in terms of strengthening Nunavut’s institutions and enabling Nunavummiut to advance along the path towards greater self-reliance.”

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