

**Interlake Reserves Tribal Council  
Final Written Recommendations  
May 8, 2015**

The evidence presented on behalf of IRTC is reaffirmed and the oral closing statement is adopted.

The process of reviewing this license renewal application before the Clean Environment Commission has faced a significant hurdle, namely that that the renewal is being requested and the proceeding has been conducted without a fulsome picture of how LWR has impacted the entire lake system, and without sufficient information generally.

Throughout this proceeding, participants have consistently sought to address the fact that the Commission is facing significant knowledge gaps. This issue was also described by participants in the context of the prevalence of knowledge silos.

Chief among these knowledge gaps has been Manitoba Hydro's failure to consider and provide any sort of documentation on negative impacts upstream. We have simply heard their repeated assertion that there have been no negative upstream impacts.

When one hears from traditional knowledge holders, residents of the lake and resource users, it is clear that the picture painted by Manitoba Hydro does not reflect the lived experiences of those for whom LWR is a very real and tangible project.

**It is recommended that:**

- 1. The inclusion of aboriginal traditional knowledge in the governance, evaluation and ongoing monitoring of the LWR project be made a condition of the license.**
- 2. It should be a condition of the license that Manitoba Hydro engage in comprehensive monitoring and evaluation of all LWR impacts, subject to regular sufficiency hearings of the monitoring and evaluation reports before the CEC or another appropriate body.**
- 3. Manitoba Hydro be required to recognize that LWR has caused negative impacts on upstream peoples and communities.**
- 4. A multi-party decision making framework be established which includes voices, input and stakeholders from upstream communities.**
- 5. The licensing process be clarified and expanded so that communities, resource users and stakeholders are better able to contribute to the licensing process.**