

NIRB *revised* Rules of Procedure and Standard Impact Statement Guidelines

A Quick Overview

Why is the NIRB introducing these documents now?

- Updates required to reflect NIRB's implementation experience with *NuPPAA* and the amended *Nunavut Agreement*;
- For ROPs the revisions were intended to reflect:
 - NIRB's increasing experience with different types of assessments (e.g. phased development and SEA) and the resulting need for greater procedural flexibility and "scalability";
 - NIRB's emerging best practices with respect to community involvement;
 - Broadening the scope of the ROPs to apply to a range of Board "proceedings" rather than being limited to NIRB Public Hearings only;
 - The NIRB's electronic registry and moving away from exchange of hard copy documents;
 - Reorganization to better reflect distinctions between file administration/logistical direction (addressed by staff and Executive Director) and substantive procedural matters (addressed by the Board)

Why is the NIRB introducing these documents now? /2

- Standard Impact Statement Guidelines (IS Guidelines) introduced to:
 - Ensure that translation requirements of IS Guidelines under *NuPPAA* are being met;
 - Streamline and standardize IS expectations for all participants in the assessment process; and
 - Issue only minimal project/industry-specific guidance to supplement Standard IS Guidelines.

Revised ROPs: Minor Updates to Content to Reflect *NuPPAA*

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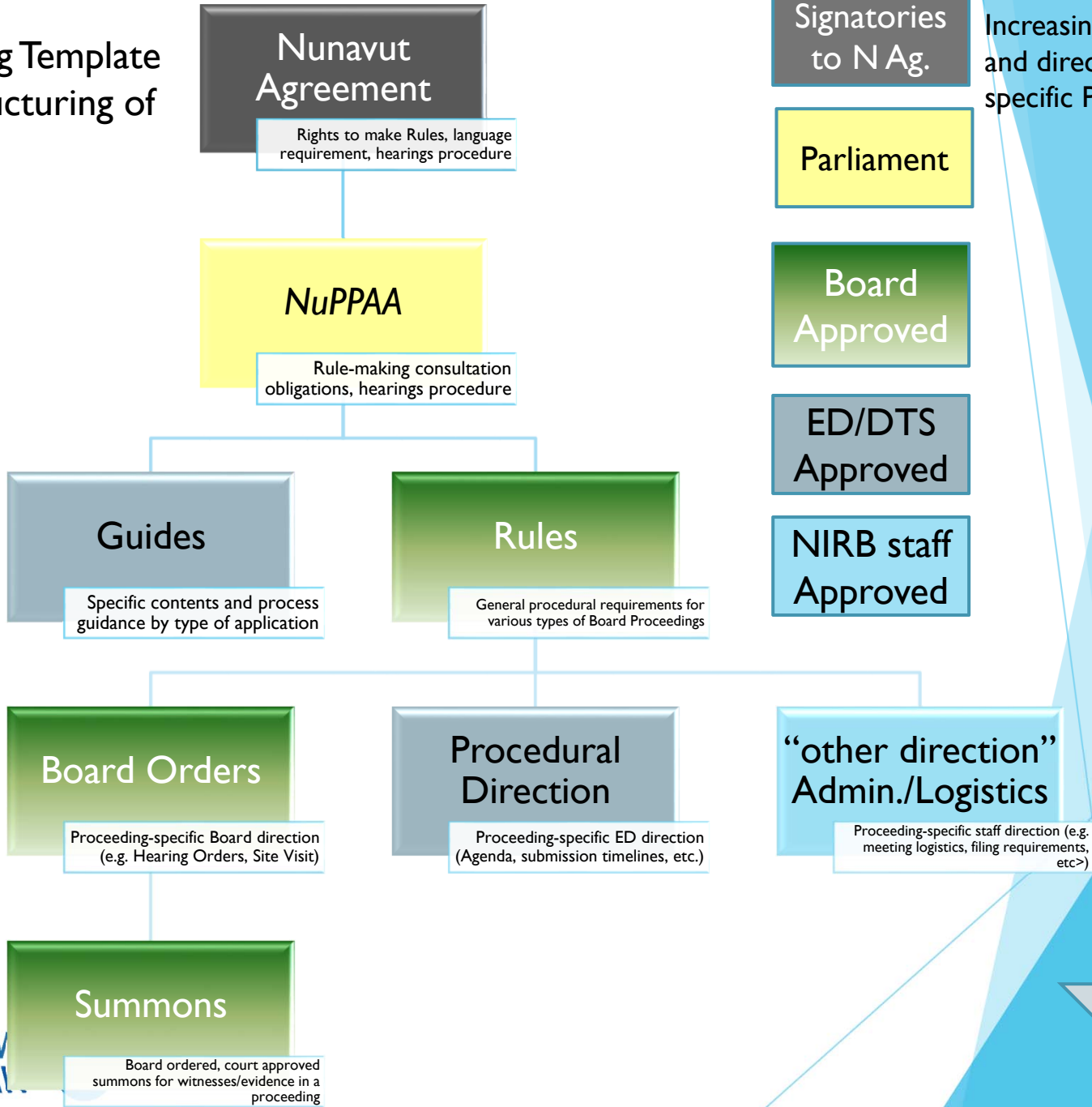
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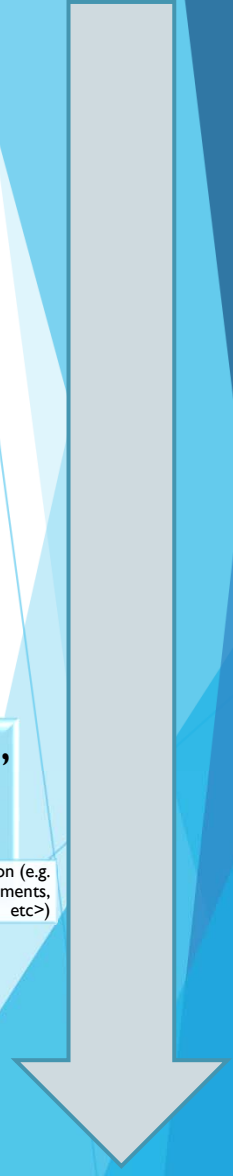
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Underlying Template for Restructuring of ROP



Increasing level of detail and direction limited to specific Proceedings

- Signatories to N Ag.
- Parliament
- Board Approved
- ED/DTS Approved
- NIRB staff Approved



Broadening of ROPs to all Board “Proceedings”

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Key Features of the Standardized Impact Statement Guidelines

- Proponents will be bound by the Standardized IS Guidelines at a minimum (may be supplemented by project-specific/industry-specific requirements, but only if the NIRB considers it necessary);
- After this general consultation on the Standardized IS Guidelines, NIRB will conduct consultations and provide additional translations only on the supplementary project-specific/industry-specific requirements;
- Cross-referencing of NIRB Guide to Terminology and Definitions

Key Features of the Standardized Impact Statement Guidelines /2

- Any party who has prepared an Impact Statement in Nunavut over the last 3-5 years will be familiar with the approach and the content of the Standardized Impact Statement Guidelines as this version captures the best practices that the NIRB has developed with each assessment
- Once adopted, should enable Proponents to submit the IS in Final form rather than a Draft IS and Final IS

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Open Discussion—Questions, Comments, Feedback

➤ Closing thoughts:

- We are taking notes during these discussions, but request you submit all written comments (in any of the 4 languages) regarding the draft documents to the NIRB by **March 15, 2019** via mail, fax or email:

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