



Have Your Say – Review of the 2030 Energy Strategy and Climate Change Strategic Framework

Reviewing our approach

Between May and July 2023, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) will be seeking input from the public, partners, and stakeholders to possibly revise its approach to energy and climate change mitigation in the Northwest Territories (NWT). What will be heard during the engagement will inform the five-year review of the *2030 Energy Strategy (Strategy)* and *Climate Change Strategic Framework (Framework)*. The GNWT committed to reviewing both strategies in 2023.

The two strategies collectively advance a GNWT commitment to reduce the NWT's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 30 percent from 2005 levels by 2030. The NWT must have emissions of 1,094 kilotons (kt) of carbon dioxide equivalent by 2030 to meet this target. The most recent data shows the NWT's emissions in 2021 were 1,287 kt – a 25 percent decrease compared to 2005 levels.

Why we need your input

There has been progress towards the GNWT's energy and climate goals in recent years, and now it is time to explore the development of a long-term vision to guide its energy and climate change mitigation decisions and actions past 2030. Our future energy and climate plans need to be ambitious and effective, but also reasonable.

That's why it's important that the GNWT hears from the public, partners, and stakeholders on how the territory might achieve this and develop solutions that support the transition to a lower carbon economy, build a sustainable energy system, and strengthen our understanding of the short-term and long-term effects of climate change.

The engagement process

The GNWT's Departments of Infrastructure and Environment and Climate Change are collaborating on several engagement activities to explore what our energy and climate future might look like in the NWT as we review both strategies. These activities will be delivered during the spring and summer of 2023 and include four streams to seek input from a broad range of participants:

1. A public submission period to gather written comments on key issues.
2. Engagement between the GNWT and Indigenous governments and organizations using the NWT Climate Change Council, in-person meetings and correspondence, as well as the NWT Council of Leaders.



3. Engagement between the GNWT and energy utilities, as well as industry.
4. Three days of in-person, multilateral engagement for Indigenous governments and organizations, partners, and stakeholders – scheduled to take place in Yellowknife in July 2023. This engagement opportunity will be an invite-only event.

Next steps

The GNWT will accept submissions from the public until August 21, 2023. A What We Heard Report will be published in the fall of 2023 summarizing feedback the GNWT has received during the public engagement period.

Once all four engagement streams of activities are completed, the GNWT will also use the feedback to prepare a document for the 20th Legislative Assembly, outlining options for possible emissions reductions targets and pathways to achieve those targets. Direction provided by the new government will serve as a starting point for the GNWT to potentially revise the *Framework* and *Strategy*.