

intergovernmental liaison mechanisms) is quite inadequate. The Committee's recommendations in regard to the division of powers all take as a prerequisite the need for greater public access to environmental information and greater public participation in environmental action by governments.

Recommendation 14:

The Committee recommends that the proposals for political renewal include measures to enable Canadians to participate effectively in, and hold accountable, the institutions of government at all levels, in order to fulfil objectives for a healthful environment and sustainable development.

Recommendation 15:

The Committee recommends that, if any amendment were made to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to guarantee property rights, it be clearly stated in the wording of the guarantee that maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development shall take precedence.