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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

Environment Minister Bob Mercer has announced the following event relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Long Island Causeway

Proponent: Department of Works, Services and Transportation

The proponent proposes to construct a 630 metre rock fill causeway with a bridge structure across Long Island Tickle between Long Island and Pilley's Island in Notre Dame Bay. The purpose is to provide a permanent road link from Pilley's Island to Long Island to the communities of Lushes Bight and Beaumont to replace the existing ferry service. In the north end of the causeway the proponent proposes to construct a bridge (approximately 50 metres long) which would be designed to allow for the passage of most vessels. It is proposed that an extensive rock extraction operation would be established on the Pilley's Island side of the Tickle adjacent to the causeway as the source of the mass rock fill and armour rock. There would also be equipment and materials marshalling yards and field offices established in the general area.

The project was registered on September 10, 2003; public comments are due by October 15, 2003; and, the Minister's decision is due on October 25, 2003.

The Minister encourages all interested parties to become involved and to make comments known. Comments on submitted documents are invited from the public, addressed in writing to the Minister, and are welcome prior to the deadline date shown.

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