

**COMPREHENSIVE CLAIMS****OVERVIEW**

Canada's unilaterally imposed Comprehensive Claims Policy (CCP) has long been criticized by First Nations for failing to reflect Canadian or international law, the prohibitive costs associated with negotiating, the inclusion of extinguishment clauses, and because it can create competing interests between First Nations rights holders.

Following the dissolution of the Assembly of First Nations – Canada Senior Oversight Committee (SOC) process on comprehensive claims in 2013, and the release of the Eyford Report in 2014, Joe Wild, Assistant Deputy

Minister (ADM) for Treaties and Aboriginal Government Sector, received a mandate to begin an exploratory table process with First Nations as an alternative to the CCP/Inherent Right policies.

On February 14, 2018, Prime Minister Trudeau announced the Government would be moving forward with Recognition of Rights Framework Legislation. This framework would form the basis of a new CCP.

AFN was not involved in any of this process.

UPDATE

AFN submitted a work plan and budget to Crown-Indigenous Relations Canada (CIRC) in

2018 to engage on the reforming the CCP. This proposal was rejected by CIRC.

NEXT STEPS

Reforming the CCP remains a priority for the AFN. AFN will continue to pressure CIRC to engage on this important work.