Processing Flow for Notices of Intent (NOIs) for Energy Pipelines
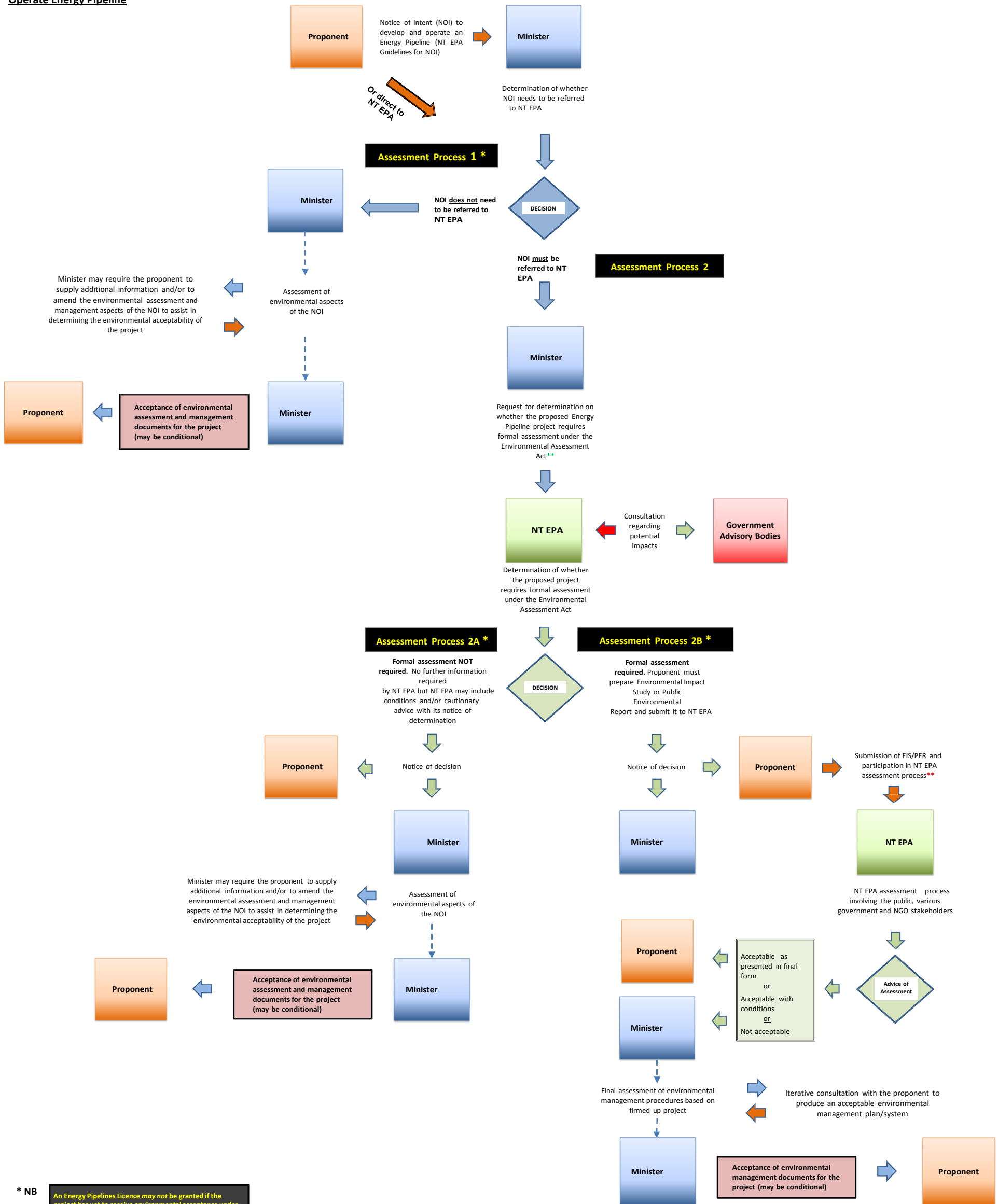
Notice of Intent (NOI) to Construct and Operate Energy Pipeline

Proponent	Notice of Intent (NOI) to develop and operate an Energy Pipeline (NT EPA Guidelines for NOI)	Minister

Or direct to NT EPA

Determination of whether NOI needs to be referred to NT EPA

Assessment Process 1 *

Minister	←	NOI **does not** need to be referred to NT EPA	**DECISION**

NOI **must** be referred to NT EPA

Assessment Process 2

Minister may require the proponent to supply additional information and/or to amend the environmental assessment and management aspects of the NOI to assist in determining the environmental acceptability of the project

Assessment of environmental aspects of the NOI

Proponent	←	**Acceptance of environmental assessment and management documents for the project (may be conditional)**	Minister

Minister

Request for determination on whether the proposed Energy Pipeline project requires formal assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act******

NT EPA	←	Consultation regarding potential impacts	→	**Government Advisory Bodies**

Determination of whether the proposed project requires formal assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act

DECISION

Assessment Process 2A *

Formal assessment NOT required. No further information required by NT EPA but NT EPA may include conditions and/or cautionary advice with its notice of determination

Proponent	←	Notice of decision

Minister

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Assessment of environmental aspects of the NOI

Proponent	←	**Acceptance of environmental assessment and management documents for the project (may be conditional)**	Minister

Assessment Process 2B *

Formal assessment required. Proponent must prepare Environmental Impact Study or Public Environmental Report and submit it to NT EPA

Proponent	←	Notice of decision

Minister

Proponent	→	Submission of EIS/PER and participation in NT EPA assessment process******

NT EPA

NT EPA assessment process involving the public, various government and NGO stakeholders

Proponent	←	Acceptable as presented in final form **or** Acceptable with conditions **or** Not acceptable	←	**Advice of Assessment**

Minister

Final assessment of environmental management procedures based on firmed up project

Iterative consultation with the proponent to produce an acceptable environmental management plan/system

Minister	**Acceptance of environmental management documents for the project (may be conditional)**	→	Proponent

* NB An Energy Pipelines Licence *may not* be granted if the project has yet to receive environmental acceptance under assessment process 1, 2A or 2B shown in the Department's Energy Pipelines Guideline "Processing Flow for Notices of Intent (NOIs) for Energy Pipelines".

** NB The proponent will need to consider whether the project triggers the Commonwealth *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*. This may involve liaison with, and separate submissions to, the current Commonwealth environmental agency.

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