



Bill C-61: An Act Respecting Water, Source Water, Drinking Water, Wastewater and Related Infrastructure on First Nation Lands

First Nations Clean Water Act

Parliamentary Legislative Process Guide

The parliamentary process allows First Nations, individuals, and organizations to appear as witnesses and provide comments or suggest amendments to refine the proposed legislation. This guide aims to inform First Nations about the ongoing parliamentary process of Bill C-61 and provide information on how to get involved.

Purpose of the Guide:

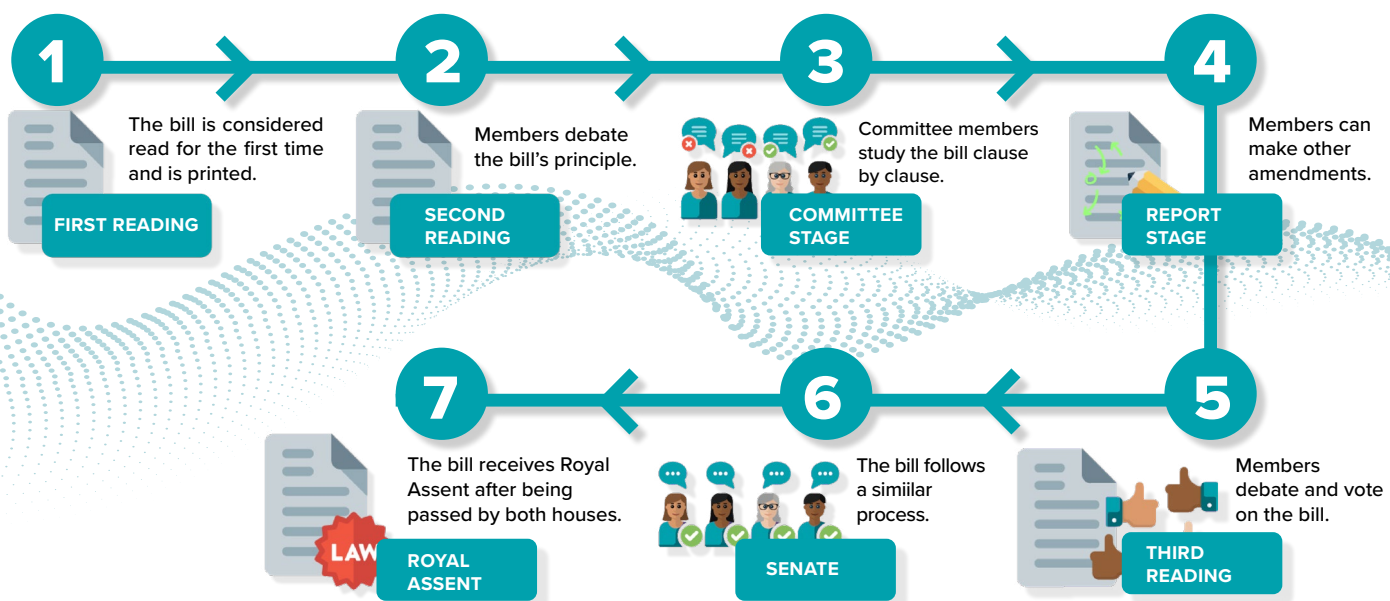
- ✓ To inform on the ongoing process of Bill C-61.
- ✓ To inform individuals and organizations on the process for appearing.
- ✓ To inform individuals and organizations on the process for submitting briefs.

The AFN is available to support with appearances and briefs.

Current Status:

- ✓ Bill C-61 is currently with the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN).

How a Bill Becomes a Law:



1 First reading of Bill-C61 on December 11, 2023:

On Dec 11, 2023, Minister of Indigenous Services, Patty Hajdu, moved to introduce into First Reading, Bill C-61, *An Act respecting water, source water, drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure on First Nation lands (short title First Nations Clean Water Act)*.

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2 The bill progressed to second reading on February 5, 2024:

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3 The bill was referred to a committee on June 5, 2024:

On June 5, 2024, Second Reading debates continued. Bill C-61 was referred to a committee:

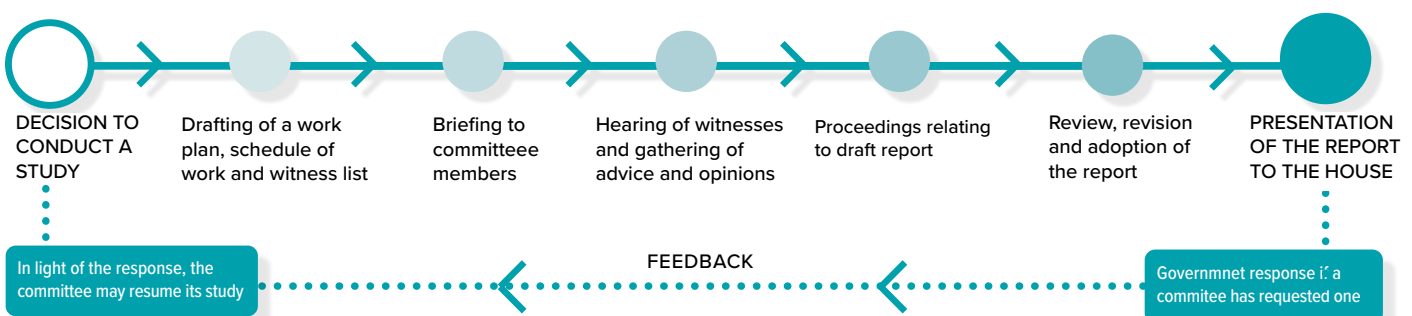
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INAN Committee Study Phase:

Usual order of business for committee study leading to a report



Source: Our Commons Website

On June 5, 2024, Bill C-61 concluded its Second Reading and was referred to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN). The committee conducted meetings on Bill C-61 on June 12, 17, and 19, 2024.

Here are [links to the video, minutes, and transcripts](#):

June 12, 2024

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June 17, 2024

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June 19, 2024

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Parliament Sittings

Parliament adjourned for the summer on June 21, 2024, and reconvened on September 16, 2024. The INAN Committee will resume its study of Bill C-61 throughout fall 2024.

How to participate at the INAN committee

Here are the [profiles of the members](#) of INAN:

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/Committees/en/INAN/Members>

Here is the [process for requesting to make an appearance](#):

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/Procedure/Guides/Witness-e.html>

Here is the [process for submitting briefs to the House of Commons Committees](#):

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/Procedure/Guides/brief-e.html>

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Link to the presentation:

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