

## What is an environmental assessment report?

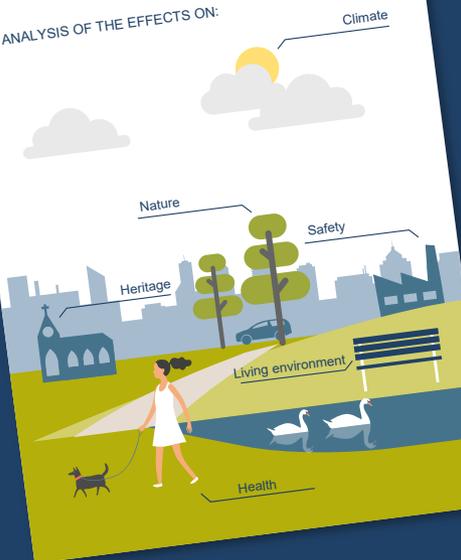
A report which describes the environmental effects of a project or plan. For example the effects of a new road on health, or of dike improvement on landscape and nature.

With the report, the government authority in charge can make a well informed decision on the project or plan.

*Environmental assessment in the Netherlands refers to both environmental impact assessment (EIA) and strategic environmental assessment (SEA)*

## Environmental Assessment

ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTS ON:



Commissie voor de milieueffectrapportage

# The Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment

*Its role in the Netherlands*

## What does the Commission do?

### Advises and reviews

Advises on what should be addressed and reviews what has been described in an environmental assessment report.



### Does not write environmental assessment reports

That is done in most cases by consultancy firms.



### On request: considers views of the public

With local information a better advice.



### On site

The Commission visits the project location to see what the issues are.

## What is the Commission?

### Independent

The Commission has no interest in the project itself. The authority decides if a project is carried out or not.



### Established by law

The Commission is a public body, established by law. It is not part of government for reasons of independency.

### Knowledgeable and up-to-date

For each project, the Commission selects the relevant experts from a large database.

### Transparent

All advisory reports by the Commission are available on its website.

