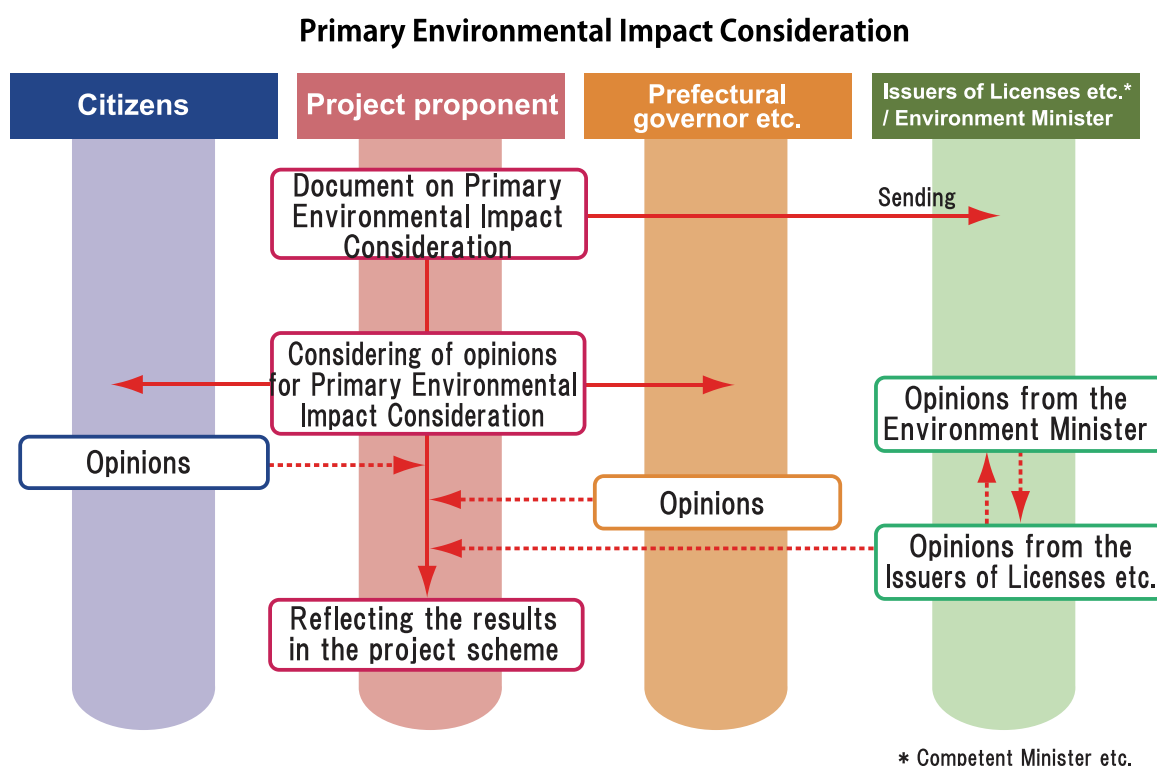


## (6) Primary Environmental Impact Consideration

Primary Environmental Impact Consideration enables environmental consideration at the early stage; a Document on Primary Environmental Impact Consideration is compiled by each proponent of Class-1 projects, which includes the information on evaluation items to be properly considered for environmental conservation at the stage of planning of project location, scale and others.

In the preparation of the Document, alternative plans on a project location, scale and others are compared, and opinions of citizens, experts, local governments and others are considered in regard to possible impacts on living environment, natural environment and others caused by the project.

Project proponents should reflect the results of the Primary Environmental Impact Consideration in the Scoping and subsequent procedures. Each proponent of Class-2 projects can voluntarily implement the procedures noted above.



### TOPICS : Increased opportunities for Minister of Environment's opinions

In the environmental assessment, it is adequate to seek opinions outside the project for more appropriate environmental considerations. In the EIA Act, Minister of the Environment, responsible for the protection of the environment, can give opinions to all the projects that require licenses etc. by the national government.

Act amendment of 2011 gave the Minister of the Environment additional opportunities to give opinions to the project proponent at the stages of Primary Environmental Impact Consideration, Scoping Document and Impact Mitigation Report.