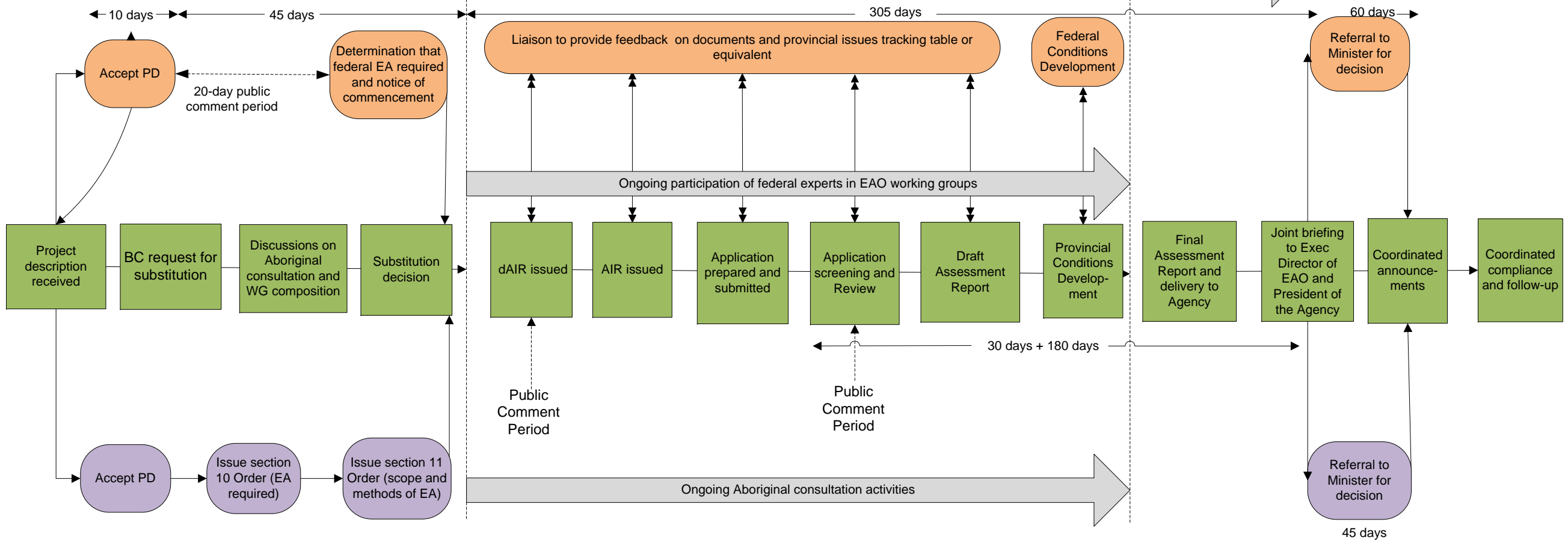


Process for Substituted Environmental Assessments

PHASE 1: EAO and Agency work closely together before a substitution decision and immediately thereafter.

PHASE 2: This phase begins upon the Agency's notice of commencement and notice of substitution decision. EAO will conduct the substituted EA independently, keeping the Agency apprised of key milestones and issues.

PHASE 3: EAO and Agency work closely together to finalize EA and refer to Ministers for decision.



Notes:

- This diagram is for substituted EAs where a proponent submits a project description to EAO and the Agency at or near the same time. Substituted EAs may not proceed in exactly this sequence; this diagram is for illustration purposes only, based on current practices at the time of development.
- The 365-day timeline under CEAA 2012 does not include time taken by the proponent to collect information or undertake studies.
- The MOU sets out a process for sharing and discussing information prior to receipt of a project description.
- In addition to the process steps in this diagram, EAO and the Agency will provide each other with any relevant approvals, Orders, or other statutory instruments, and wherever possible, with advance notice of public meetings and media releases.

Colour Legend

- Agency activities (Orange circle)
- EA process steps (Green circle)
- EAO activities (Purple circle)