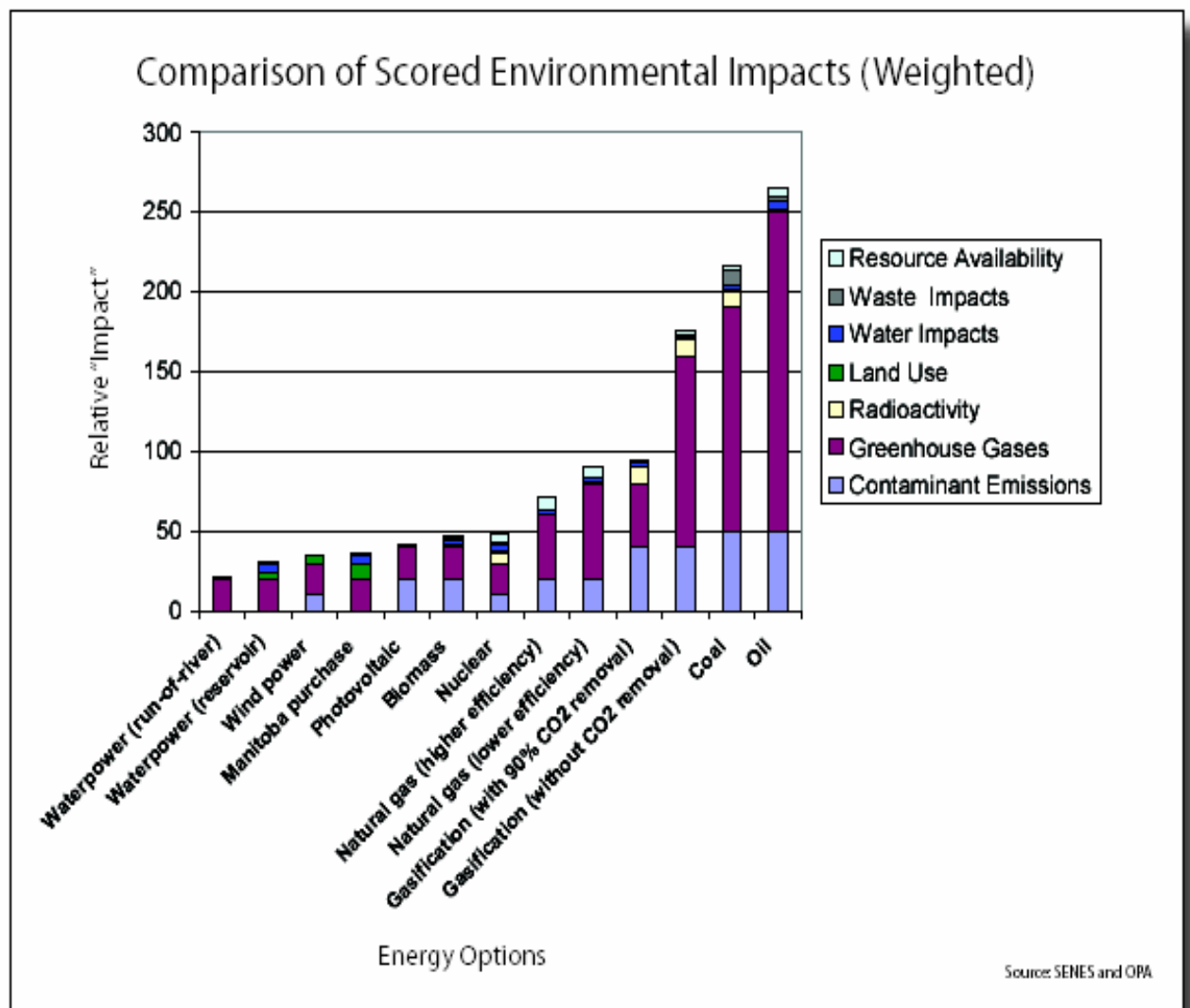


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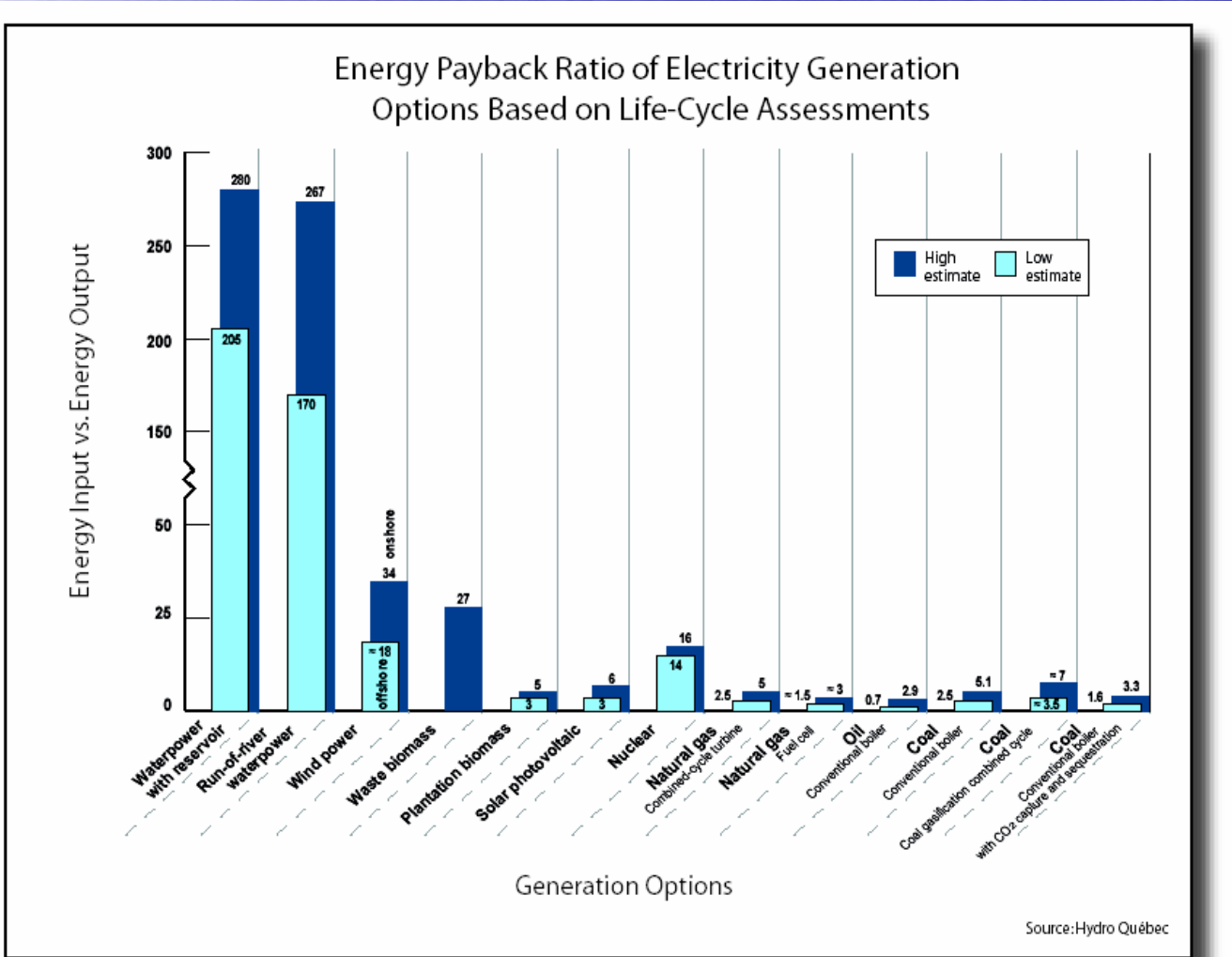
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# When EA is colourblind



# Why a Class EA?

- **Greater Efficiency**
  - Class EA adopts “one project – one process” model
  - Substantially satisfies requirements of other regulatory approval requirements
  - Common/similar consultation, data collection, evaluation and documentation satisfied during Class EA process
- **More Coordination and Certainty**
  - Early meeting with agencies to discuss project plan, roles and responsibilities/mandates, data availability, consultation and involvement, timelines, etc.
- **Early Scoping**
  - Development of public consultation and aboriginal engagement plans
  - Scope of involvement and studies tailored to category of project and its complexity

# Why a Class EA for Waterpower?

- Environmental Responsibility
- Public Accountability
- Continuous Improvement
- Social Licence

# Project Categorization

- Deterministic approach to project differentiation
- Premised on the environmental context within which a project is planned
  - Projects at existing infrastructure
  - Projects on managed waterways
  - Projects on unmanaged waterways
- All projects subject to the Class have common process requirements
  - Consultation
  - Determination of environmental effects
  - Impact management

# Public Involvement

- Emphasis on early and effective engagement
- Formal consultation plan recommended
- Principled, tailored approach
- Documentation a key requirement
- Supporting best practices incorporated

# Aboriginal Involvement

- Specific focus of the Class EA and the OWA's outreach and engagement initiatives
- Guidance builds on and goes beyond public consultation principles
- Recognition of the potential for the Crown's duty to consult
- Advice premised on the work of First Nations organizations

# Agency Involvement

- Coordination meeting is key to “one process”
  - Federal/Provincial EA requirements
  - General and project-specific legislative requirements
  - Determination of roles and responsibilities
  - Project timelines and milestones
  - Communications and consultation planning
  - First Nations outreach and engagement

Questions?



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