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Application for a railway order. **37.**—(1) The Agency, CIÉ, or any other person with the consent of the Agency, may apply to the Minister for a railway order.

(2) An application under *subsection (1)* shall be made in writing in such form as the Minister may specify and shall be accompanied by—

- (a) a draft of the proposed order,
- (b) a plan of the proposed railway works,
- (c) in the case of an application by the Agency or a person with the consent of the Agency, a plan of any proposed commercial development of land adjacent to the proposed railway works,
- (d) a book of reference to a plan required under this subsection (indicating the identity of the owners and of the occupiers of the lands described in the plan), and
- (e) a statement of the likely effects on the environment (referred to subsequently in this Part as an “environmental impact statement”) of the proposed railway works,

and a draft plan and book of reference shall be in such form as the Minister may specify or in a form to the like effect.

(3) The Minister shall acknowledge receipt of an application under this section within 14 days of receiving it.

(4) The construction of railway works, the subject of an application for a railway order under this Part, shall not be undertaken unless the Minister has granted an order under *section 43*.
