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N.B. receives 1,400 opinions on pesticides

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Pesticides continue to be a hotly debated issue in New Brunswick as the Liberal government decides what legislative path to take to address it.

The province's public consultation on lawn care and landscape pesticide use, which ended yesterday, gathered 1,400 responses.

"All comments will be reviewed and a summary report will be reported to government this fall," said Department of Environment spokeswoman Jennifer Graham.

"The government will make a decision on what option or combination of options is best for New Brunswick."

Graham did not say when a decision would be made by the Liberal government.

The summary report is being prepared by AMEC, the international engineering and project manager firm.

New Brunswickers could pick any of four options, or a combination of the options, or offer new ideas.

The options are continued emphasis on education, awareness and voluntary reduction, targeted regulatory changes, new province-wide prohibitions, and providing a role for municipal governments.