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Honorable Adrian Dix
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SENT BY EMAIL

Dear Minister Dix;

RE: Request for a Meeting about Wind & Solar Power Projects In Rural BC

I am writing to you on behalf of members of the BC Cattlemen's Association who have raised concerns regarding proposed projects for wind and solar power that are either approved or being considered in their areas throughout the province.

On December 9th BC Hydro along with your ministry announced 9 new projects that will utilize wind to generate power. It is our understanding that this is the first round of what could be many in the near future in combination with some solar proposals.

We have concerns about exactly how "green" this energy really is when we are confronted with a lot of contradictory evidence about what is required to manufacture these windmills; the material and energy used in their assembly, and the ability to recycle or reuse the materials in what is realistically a very short lifespan of only about 20 years.

Our main concerns are more in the process and transparency, or lack thereof, that has taken place in moving these projects forward. These projects will take place on Crown land which our members have tenures on. We feel there are two main areas of focus that our members and the voters of BC deserve an explanation for:

1. The lack of consultation and engagement with local residents and tenure holders informing them of the projects, their locations, and the possible impacts to them and their community. It is unreasonable to not engage in consultation and information sharing with all residents and stakeholders in the province.
2. The elimination of an Environmental Assessment is unacceptable for projects of this size and location. While the power generation utilizing wind is considered green there are aspects of the construction of the units which could have extreme impacts on the surrounding environment, especially wildlife and watersheds (some of which are salmon bearing).

The BC Cattlemen's Association respectfully ask for a meeting, at the earliest possible time. We wish to discuss the implications of these projects moving forward without

proper engagement with the public and the Stakeholders who have tenures on these lands. Additionally, we want to understand the rationale behind a blanket policy to eliminate all current and present Environmental Assessments and how government will be able to ensure that there will be no short or long term impacts to the surrounding lands or watersheds.

Please feel free to contact our General Manager, Kevin Boon, at our office at (250) 573-3611 or by email at bccattle@cattlemen.bc.ca to arrange a meeting.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this very serious matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Werner Stump', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Werner Stump
President, BC Cattlemen's Association

cc: *Hon. David Eby, Premier of BC*
Hon. Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food
Hon. Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
Hon. Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests
Hon. Tamara Davidson, Minister of Environment and Parks
John Rustad, Leader of the Official Opposition
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