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Dear Minister Neill:

RE: Request for ranching industry to be included in water discussions

The BC Cattlemen's Association is writing in response to the recent letter from the Okanagan Nation Alliance about drought conditions and the new model for assessing drought.

Ranchers share the concern of the Okanagan Nations and wish to work collaboratively to address the challenges posed by drought and ongoing water shortages.

As stewards of the land and water, ranchers have been actively working alongside First Nations on collaborative initiatives that respect the needs of Indigenous communities and support sustainable water use.

Ranchers bring both generational knowledge of the land and practical expertise in water and range management and can contribute meaningfully in developing solutions. We respectfully request that the ranching industry be included in the province's ongoing drought response and water stewardship processes.

BC Cattlemen's Association believe that meaningful collaboration of affected stakeholders is essential to achieving balanced and sustainable results.

We look forward to hearing from you on how the local ranching community can participate in the process.

Yours truly,

Werner Stump, President