

# Alberta Property Rights Initiative

## Protecting the Property Rights of Albertans

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Honourable Ed Stelmach

307 Legislative Building

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Dear Sir,

Please find attached the Alberta Property Rights Initiative review of Bill 19 and draft amendments to Bill 19.

APRI agrees with the need for increased planning and consultation with all Albertans as it relates to new Projects. We are however concerned that all property owners, both surface and subsurface, be treated fairly and consistently when a "taking" is required for a public interest.

We also recognize the need to avoid unnecessary burdens on the public treasury, while at the same time minimizing unwarranted interference with property rights.

As Landowner groups around the Province formally debate the draft Bill 19, it is the issue of compensation for regulatory and full takings that is at the centre of controversy.

The following document will address specific areas of concern in Bill 19 as well as possible legislative solutions as it relates to fair and reasonable compensation for public interest takings.

APRI looks forward to participating in further review of Bill 19 and the Expropriation Act with your officials. We have also included our draft Property Rights Preservation Act, which would also provide resolution to compensation for takings.

Thank you for your consideration.

With respect,



Norm Ward, Chairman, Alberta Property Rights Initiative

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