



June 11, 2013

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Attention: Rick Fraser, MLA

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Re: Consultation Grow Op Free Alberta

RECA would like to thank you and your staff again for the invitation to participate in the May, 2013 consultations with respect to a Grow Op Free Alberta.

As a follow up to the meeting, RECA is providing this short written response outlining the themes RECA presented during the consultation meeting. Specifically, once a property is identified as an illegal grow op in Alberta, the following is recommended as forming part of government's legislative and other responses to illegal grow ops:

- The remediation process ought to be transparent for the property owner and the community at large
- The steps in the remediation process should be publicly available, including the phase at which any particular property is in the remediation process
- Due process, including notice, should be afforded property owners and those holding mortgages on affected properties
- The rights of the public/community must be balanced against privacy rights
- The public interest should always trump other interests, including privacy interests
- A central coordinator in the property remediating process will be required
- The remediation process should be timely from the time of detection to remediation completion
- Remediation costs should flow with the land and these should be recoverable from the property owner but if not, from the land itself

Thank you for providing RECA the opportunity to participate in this important initiative. If you have questions, please contact Jean Flanagan, RECA General Counsel.

Yours truly,

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