

March 7, 2008

Mr. Randall Barrett, President  
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Dear Mr. Barrett: *Randall*

Thank you for your January 11, 2008 letter regarding the non-consensus recommendation for maintaining conservation options in respect of an ecosystems and landscape management framework. I appreciate the opportunity to reply on behalf of my Deputy Minister colleagues at Energy and Environment.

We would like to thank the Cumulative Environmental Management Association (CEMA) for its efforts to develop an ecosystem and landscape management framework to address the cumulative effects of development. We have had the opportunity to review your organization's recommendation and will assess the non-consensus issues related to this recommendation to inform of any decision we might make on the implementation of interim measures. We would like to encourage CEMA to continue work on the integrated package of land management recommendations and to deliver the package in a timely manner.

The Government of Alberta would like to express its appreciation for your organization's work and would again like to thank CEMA for its efforts to bring forward solutions.

Sincerely,

  
Brad Pickering  
Deputy Minister

cc: Peter Watson, Deputy Minister, Alberta Environment  
David Breakwell, Acting Deputy Minister, Alberta Energy