

October 27, 2020

## Provide Feedback on the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act

*The Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship is seeking feedback*

The [Public Interest Disclosure \(Whistleblower Protection\) Act](#) came into effect in 2013 and was amended in 2017 to expand the legislation to government offices, public entities, and prescribed service providers that are identified by the [regulation](#). The act is in place to protect public sector employees and political staff from punishment if they:

- ◆ disclose wrongdoing that is conducted against the public's interest
- ◆ seek advice or information about disclosing a wrongdoing from:
  - ◇ Their supervisor,
  - ◇ The designated officer, or
  - ◇ The Public Interest Commissioner
- ◆ cooperate in an investigation into wrongdoing
- ◆ decline to participate in suspected wrongdoing

In June 2020, the act was referred to the [Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship](#) for a comprehensive review. The committee began its review in July and must submit its report to the Legislative Assembly within one year of the review process commencing.

The committee is seeking input from stakeholders by **November 30, 2020 at 4:30 pm**.

There are two ways to submit input:

- 1) Fill out the [online form](#) and submit it through the website, or
- 2) Submit a written submission to [RSCommittee.Admin@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:RSCommittee.Admin@assembly.ab.ca). Please include your name, email, phone number, where you are from, and how you heard about the feedback opportunity. All written responses must be a maximum of 5,000 words.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the committee office at 780.422.9601.

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