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The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy recently completed a review of professional reliance in the natural resource sector to ensure the highest professional, technical and ethical standards are being applied to resource management in British Columbia.

I am pleased to announce the final report for the review has been posted on the EngageBC site for the Professional Reliance Review (<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/professionalreliance>). The report was prepared by Mark Haddock, seconded from the British Columbia Forest Practices Board specifically for this project. The review considered feedback from a public engagement process conducted December 1, 2017 to January 19, 2018, which received over 2,200 feedback forms from the public, 102 stakeholder submissions, and over 1,800 surveys from qualified professionals, along with findings from a review of current legislation and best practices in other jurisdictions.

Government will continue to engage with the Indigenous nations, various professional associations and industry with interests in professional reliance with a view to improve the oversight of qualified professionals and bring more consistency to governance processes. The report also deals with a review of various regulations that fall under nine government statutes. Over the next several months, ministries that oversee these statutes will be reviewing the recommendations in detail, and continuing consultation with the business community, Indigenous peoples, environmental groups and other stakeholders. Consideration of the recommendations will take into account the clarity of expectation required by scientists and professionals who make decisions in the public interest.

The report is very comprehensive and government will need time to review the recommendations. Additional information on government's next steps will be posted on the [EngageBC](#) site shortly.

Thank you for your interest in this important project and if you have any questions feel free to contact me or the professional reliance policy team at NRS.PR.Review@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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