

Dear Forest Tenures Branch,

Please accept this below as my written submission on your Private Managed Forest Land Program Review:

Control by the crown is necessary, particularly on Vancouver I., where 20% of the land was given in grants to build and maintain a railroad to be run in perpetuity (the so-called Dunsmuir land grants). Since the E&N railway will never run again unless an unrealistic amount of money is sunk into it, under English common law the land grants are now unfulfilled, and hence null and void, and all property from those grants should revert to the crown, immediately. That's basic contract law. This is true even with a Torrens land title insurance system. A title tainted at the very beginning transfers all the way to the present and allows a government to seize that title. No ifs, ands or buts about it. The crown is shirking it's duty. Now in reality, once the crown has seized its land back, the crown should turn around and quit claim all properties back to the present owners, including the forestry and extraction industries. But now crown rules, not private, should apply for forest management. Seize back the land, now, and manage your land assets, for the commonweal, not a few individuals. The basic problem is too much land controlled by too few people. It reeks of corruption.

Regards,

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