



July 18, 2019

SENT VIA EMAIL

RE: Patterson Review of WorkSafeBC

Dear Ms. Patterson,

On behalf of the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association (BCRB&HCA), I am writing with respect to your review of the workers compensation system.

BCRB&HCA represents over 250 member and 10,000 workers that provide road building, rehabilitation, heavy construction, highway maintenance and the supply of related goods and services throughout British Columbia.

We share the same goal with that of the Provincial Government to ensure that our workers compensation system provides support to injured workers in a modern and efficient manner, and that they are supported in their return to work.

We believe that WorkSafeBC has an excellent process for the development of policy and regulation which includes robust consultations with industry members, extensive policy research and rigorous review by the WorkSafeBC Board of Directors.

The BCRB&HCA is concerned that the time allotted to your review by the Minister of Labour does not provide adequate opportunity for proper consultation with industry to occur before your final report is submitted on September 30, 2019. Specifically, we are concerned that the process will not permit workers (especially injured workers) and employers' adequate opportunity to be consulted with.

We therefore request that upon completion of your report, the BCRB&HCA be given an opportunity to comment on it before any action is taken by the provincial government or WorkSafeBC. Additionally, the BCRB&HCA also requests that it be included in the ongoing process and/or any advisory committees to assist with the implementation of policy recommendations stemming from the work of your review.

Our association believes that complex issues such as changes to the workers' compensation system require thoughtful and pragmatic analysis along with robust consultation with industry. We are a signatory to the Employers Forum submission.

The BCRB&HCA appreciates the opportunity to express our concerns and would look forward to further opportunities to engage with your review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Kelly Scott', is written over a faint, circular blue watermark or stamp.

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