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Standing Committee Invites Public Input on the *Lobbyists Act*

EDMONTON – The Legislative Assembly of Alberta’s multiparty Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship is seeking input from Albertans as part of its review of the *Lobbyists Act*.

“Lobbying may not be an activity with which all Albertans are well acquainted,” said Rod Loyola, committee chair and MLA for Edmonton-Ellerslie, “but it is important that the public, and particularly those who have an interest in lobbying, have an opportunity to provide their input.” Member Loyola urges all Albertans who are interested in the *Lobbyists Act* to participate in the review by providing a submission to the committee.

Lobbying includes communicating with a public office holder in an attempt to influence proposed or existing provincial legislation, policies or programs. While lobbying is a legitimate activity, most individuals who lobby must register with the lobbyist registrar as organization or consultant lobbyists. The committee’s review of the *Lobbyists Act* will determine if amendments to the Act are needed.

For more information on the *Lobbyists Act* and to make a submission, visit the committee website: assembly.ab.ca/committees/resourcestewardship/index.html

The deadline for public submissions is Monday, October 17, 2016.

Note: submissions and identities of authors may be made public.

On June 2, 2016, the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship was deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of the Lobbyists Act pursuant to section 21 of that Act. In accordance with section 21 of the Act the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly within one year after beginning its review and that report is to include any amendments recommended by the Committee.

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