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## METIS SETTLEMENTS APPEAL TRIBUNAL

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Rod Loyola, MLA  
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Dear Rod Loyola, MLA


Thank you for this opportunity to provide submissions with respect to the newly amended *Conflicts of Interest Act*.

The Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal (MSAT) is fully committed to the principles of transparency and accountability underpinning the *Conflicts of Interest Act*. In this regard, we had developed our own Code of Conduct a number of years ago and are now reviewing it to capture those changes necessitated by the newly amended *Conflicts of Interest Act*.

If we have one concern with the new *Conflicts of Interest Act*, it is that it appears that the **Metis Settlements General Council** was not consulted during the amendment process. If this is in fact the case, we encourage the Government of Alberta to now take this opportunity to dialogue with the Metis Settlements leadership to discuss any real or potential impacts on the Alberta-Metis Settlements self-governance framework.

Thank you again for this opportunity to comment on the process, the amendments, and the potential impacts of the newly amended *Conflicts of Interest Act*.

Sincerely,

  
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