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Subject: RE: ALR boundary review

Good morning

Bill has this exactly accurate! Mr Bulluck seems to be able to tell a great story but to this point I have not seen any delivery whatsoever and in fact in our area Blair and I held a meeting with our of our area stakeholders and then took our resolutions forward to the Regional District for discussion and got the board to pass a resolution to meet with the ALC to come up with a delegation agreement for our area and all we have seen from the ALC is a complete stall they are not even considering meeting with our board until September or later and every time I try to contact Mr Bulluch I am told that he is an arms length body and for me to get the hell out of his hair. Who the hell is running our Province anyways. Here is an opportunity to actually muster up some support for our team but instead we will ignore it and go out and find some way to give the Indians more money which doesn't get me one vote! I am getting very tired of this kind of nonsense. Furthermore Bill is absolutely right when he said his area is the first for a boundary review and the Peace is second on the list according to Mr Bulloch and there was to be no additional costs until these reviews were done because if the land shouldn't have been there in the first place it should not be it should not be charged more now so I hope there will be special consideration at least for the two areas that have been guaranteed the reviews.

Pat Pimm

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From: Richard Bullock [quail1@telus.net<mailto:quail1@telus.net>]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2012 10:38 AM Pacific Standard Time

To: Bennett, Bill

Cc: McRae, Don O AGRI:EX; Bennett, Bill; Lekstrom, Blair TRAN:EX; Pimm, Pat; Barnett, Donna; Foster, Eric Bailey

Subject: Re: ALR boundary review

Thx for the copy Bill it was my suggestion

Sent from RB's iPhone

On 2012-07-30, at 9:06 AM, "Bennett, Bill"

<B.Bennett@leg.bc.ca<mailto:B.Bennett@leg.bc.ca>> wrote:

Dear Minister McRae,

During your recent trip to the East Kootenay, we discussed the timing of the ALR boundary review promised by you and Mr. Bullock.

You may recall a discussion we had in Caucus when the proposed changes to your legislation were discussed. Myself and other rural MLA's made it abundantly clear that we agreed to support the legislation only with your commitment that the boundary review would proceed. Additionally, we made it clear we would not support fee increases until after a boundary review. Premier Clark was present and I very deliberately looked her in the eye and made direct reference to the fact that she was present for this discussion. Your apparent lack of recollection about this commitment during your trip here, was surprising and concerning. You asked me if Mr Bullock had promised me that the East Kootenay would be first for the boundary review. I replied "yes" because Mr Bullock has in fact made that commitment to me. I and many others walked out of that Caucus meeting believing we had finally gotten what our constituents deserve and have been asking for for decades.

It is nearly August now and there is no sign that a review is underway. On the other hand, someone at the ALC advised you to go meet with probably the most negative rancher in south eastern BC and to review an RV development that for most of us here, including the Kootenay Livestock Association, is a model of how to do it right. We do not need people from outside our region telling us we should cease developing our tourism industry. Ranching is a noble industry. I love and respect the people, but there has to be room for other job creating, tax-paying activities. I do not know who tried to send you to see Noreen Theilen, but as you discovered when meeting with the KLA, even 2nd generation ranchers completely committed to the ALR told you she has a very biased view of the world and does not represent the large majority of ranchers in this region. No one up here is trying to undercut the ALR. We just want what we were promised when the ALR was first created, a boundary review to ensure land within the Reserve is actually worth "protecting" for agriculture.

This is not the Okanagan, nor the Fraser Valley, nor the Island. The East Kootenay is not even the Peace Country. We don't have the soils, the temperatures or the precipitation these other regions have. After 11 years of advocating on behalf of the vast majority of my constituents for this review, I expect a clear answer. Is it happening? If so, when?

Thank you for your cooperation.

Bill Bennett

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