

September 13, 2010

Mr. Duane Pendergast 30 Fairmont Park Lane South Lethbridge, Alberta T1K 7H7

Dear Duane:

I would like to thank you for your letter dated August 10, 2010 on the issue of our support of the Pembina Report "Drilling Deeper: The Situ Oil Sands Report Card".

This is a very comprehensive and detailed report and on a number of issues we do not support their views or philosophical approach to things. With that said, we cannot dismiss their effectiveness or the technical expertise that they bring to any number of issues that we will tackle in opposition.

Albertans have a very special connection to their environment. We value clean air, clean water and a diverse landscape that has sustained us for generations. We want to make sure that decisions we make today balance both economic and environmental interests as future generations can enjoy Alberta's natural treasures.

Energy Industries readily admit they can do better – and that is one of their goals. We have learned from what has happened in the past and as new technologies or ways to explore for, produce and consume energy come forward, we build that into our daily lives. Government, industry and we as consumers must constantly look for new ways to reduce our energy consumption, implement new and more environmental responsible ways to use energy and reduce our impact on the planet.

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We believe as Albertans we must:

- · Reduce the footprint of energy developments
- · Reclaim land in a timely fashion
- Reduce emissions of harmful substances
- Protect critical wildlife habitats
- Ensure that conservation and biodiversity planning are part of a project plan
- Water usage for any purpose must be used as wisely as possible
- · Freshwater usage should be kept to an absolute minimum
- Dispose of as safely and responsibly as possible all project wastes
- Incorporate best practices into ongoing developments and new projects
- Have a regulatory system in place to harness the innovative capability of Albertans and industry and develop incentives to reward companies that develop stronger environmental innovation and stewardship programs.

We look forward to continuing our discussions with all stakeholders who have constructive solutions to improve how Alberta-based industries grow and develop in ways that demonstrated strong environmental management practices.

Regards,

Danielle Smith

Leader, Wildrose Alliance