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Dear Mr. Kropf:

Thank you for your letter of July 5, 2008 providing comments from the Alberta Association Canadian Institute of Planners on the Draft Land-use Framework. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

You identified a number of important issues that the government will be addressing as we move forward with finalization and implementation of the framework. I would however, like to comment on some of the points in your letter.

Regional plans developed under the framework will define the regional outcomes, measurable targets and provide a broad plan for land and natural resource use for public and private lands within the region. They will also determine the policy direction for land, air, water and biodiversity in the region based on setting environmental, economic and social outcomes (triple bottom line). A Terms of Reference for each regional plan will articulate the province's expectations for that region and the process to be used to develop the regional plan within a provincial/regional context.

Regional Advisory Councils will be established for each region to provide advice to the Government in the development of these plans. Mechanisms for broader public and stakeholder engagement in the region will also occur. Authority to implement the direction in the regional plans will remain with those government departments, municipalities and other decision makers that currently have that authority. At the same time, municipal plans and decision-making will need to be made within an appropriate regional and provincial context that the regional plans would provide.

Thank you again for the positive feedback and constructive suggestions on the Draft Land-use Framework.

Sincerely,

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Minister

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