

**From:** Sims, Jinny CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018 12:02 PM  
**To:** Riley, Karl CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: FOI/Access consultation

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**From:** "Twynstra, Tanya L GCPE:EX" <[Tanya.Twynstra@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tanya.Twynstra@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** February 28, 2018 at 11:22:59 AM PST  
**To:** 'Bob Mackin' <[bob@thebreaker.news](mailto:bob@thebreaker.news)>  
**Cc:** "Sims, Jinny CITZ:EX" s.17 "James, Carole FIN:EX"  
<[Carole.James@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Carole.James@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOI/Access consultation

Bob, thank you for your email.

It was unclear to the moderation team if you were writing and asking your questions as a reporter because as you know there is moderation policy and a venue for reporters to ask questions outside of online discussion forums.

Thank you for clarifying the importance of this topic to your work. Your comments have now been posted.

In the future, it would be very helpful for you to identify the capacity you are posting your comments so that public servants who are moderating can easily make decisions.

Tanya Twynstra

**From:** Bob Mackin [<mailto:bob@thebreaker.news>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 3:51 PM  
**To:** Twynstra, Tanya L GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Sims, Jinny CITZ:EX; James, Carole FIN:EX  
**Subject:** FOI/Access consultation

Hello,

I have attached a message that I received from an anonymous member of your department, refusing to publish my comments on the online consultation regarding Information Access and Privacy.

My submissions were not "media inquiries."

I am a citizen of British Columbia and my submissions were intended to encourage the government to act now, without any further delay, on this very important topic. In a similar fashion, I sent a submission to the Special Committee to Review the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act in 2016. As a journalist, this subject matter affects me and I have a right to be heard. I also have an expectation that the policymakers will hear me. It is their job to listen.

Do you also censor miners that try to comment on the B.C. Mining Jobs Task Force consultation? Do you also censor members of labour unions that try to comment on the Labour Relations Code Review consultation?

If you discriminate on any of these forums, then your department is nothing but a sham.

I ask that you reverse your censorship immediately, and publish my comments -- and the comments of any other media worker who also wishes to comment on the Information Access and Privacy consultation website.

I have copied the relevant ministers on this email.

Sincerely,

Bob Mackin  
reporter, theBreaker.news  
604-982-9130

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**From:** Sims, Jinny CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 24, 2018 4:24 PM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX; Fleurant, Kathleen CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Save the Date: South Asian Media Round Table with Premier - March 2 in Surrey

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**Subject:** Save the Date: South Asian Media Round Table with Premier - March 2 in Surrey

Hello all,

I'm John-Michael (everyone calls me JM), Minister Ralston's new assistant.

I'm writing because yesterday the Premier's Office has asked Minister Ralston to help organize a South Asian Media Round Table in Surrey on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM. Location TBD.

The focus will be for the Premier to talk about the budget, specifically as it relates to Surrey, and to highlight the work his team (all of you) are doing.

We're still working with the Premier's Office on the details, so I don't have any more information at this time, but Minister Ralston asked me to reach out to you immediately to let you know about the time and date in the hopes you will be able to attend.

I realize that 2:00 PM on Friday may not be the *ideal* time for this media event, but it is the time the Premier is available so we're trying to make it work.

I e-mailed your assistants about this yesterday – but I as I know this relatively short-notice I wanted to make sure the message got through to you ASAP. We'll keep you updated as details come together.

Minister Ralston tells me he's hoping to discuss this further with you 1:1 and at the South Fraser Caucus meeting scheduled for next week.

JM

**John Michael McColl**

**Senior Ministerial Assistant to Hon. Bruce Ralston**

Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology

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**From:** Sims, Jinny CITZ:EX  
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**Citizen Engagement GCPE:EX** <CitizenEngagement@gov.bc.ca>

to me ▾

Hi Bob:

Thank you for your comments and your questions.

As per BC government's moderation policy, media inquiries will not be posted on the s  
policy/. We encourage you to contact our Government Communications and Public E

Otherwise, if your comments represent your views as a member of the public, you will

We want to encourage a fulsome dialogue and discussion and welcome the participati

~The Citizen Engagement Team

Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX

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**From:** Sims, Jinny CITZ:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:17 PM  
**To:** Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX  
**Subject:** I need my leg review binder for next meeting

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