



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

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SECTION A

MINISTRY OVERVIEW

MINISTRY PROFILE

Ministry:

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's (ENV) mandate contributes to the physical and mental health, economic and environmental well-being of B.C. and its citizens by ensuring access to clean and safe water, land and air. It also provides citizens outdoor recreation and exploration experiences within BC Parks, Recreation Sites & Trails, which also contributes to maintaining healthy ecosystems. The ministry also has strategic accountability for the development, administration and implementation of CleanBC, the Province's plan to achieve a sustainable, resilient low-carbon economy that supports clean and diverse economic growth. This includes leadership on the Province's strategy for climate preparedness and mitigation. Additionally, ENV includes, as a separately administered entity, the Environmental Assessment Office, which leads the revitalized environmental assessment process for major proposed projects in the province in a manner that protects the environment and fosters a sound economy for all citizens.

Ministry Mandate:

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy is responsible for the protection, management and conservation of British Columbia's water, land, air and living resources. It administers the province's parks and protected areas and recreation sites and trails; monitors and enforces compliance with environmental laws and regulations; manages discharges to the environment from human activities; and protects B.C.'s biodiversity, ecosystems, native species and natural habitats in parks and protected areas. It acquires, manages, and analyzes environmental and climate data to provide a robust platform for decision-making across the province. It mitigates and manages the risks and consequences from climate change, including developing plans to meet carbon pollution reduction targets; responds to the impacts of climate change; and oversees provincial environmental assessment through the Environmental Assessment Office. The ministry delivers services directly through staff based in regional offices across the province, as well as through partnerships and agreements with Indigenous peoples, local governments, the federal government, and stakeholder groups.

The Ministry strives to ensure that all British Columbians will continue to benefit from the effective and prudent management of natural resources, allowing future generations to enjoy a safe and healthy environment.

Full Time Equivalent (FTEs):

1,282 *[headcount as of September 9, 2022]*

