

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION



BRITISH
COLUMBIA

Canada's Pacific Gateway

between
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
CANADA
and
THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND,
AUSTRALIA



Queensland
Government

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND OF AUSTRALIA ("the Participants"),

Celebrating our unique and shared circumstance as coastal jurisdictions on opposite corners of the Pacific Ocean;

Sharing a common vision of economic and social progress and smarter government as a model for innovative and sustainable living in the Pacific Century;

Recognizing that we share a broad range of common interests in addressing public policy challenges, developing and internationalizing our knowledge-intensive industries, diversifying our regional economies, preparing our youth for a prosperous future, and enhancing our engagement and integration with the Asia Pacific region;

Committed to building a collaborative relationship based on friendship and trust, and wishing to expand and deepen the collaborations that have already taken place since the signing of our Statement of Intent on June 11, 2008; and

Having had an opportunity since the signing of our Statement of Intent to explore the potential for enhancing networks, alliances and collaborative projects between our respective government agencies, educational and research institutes and knowledge intensive sectors;

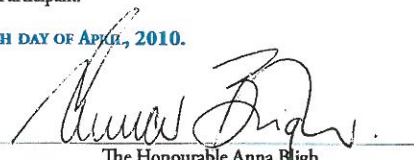
Now therefore reaffirm the spirit of the Statement of Intent and pledge to turn cooperation into concrete and innovative action.

- I. The areas in which joint actions may be undertaken include, but need not be limited to:
 - a. Action on Clean Energy, Water Stewardship, Ocean Health and Climate Change
 - i. Clean energy policies, strategies, and technologies, including solar, geothermal, wind, wave, tidal and bioenergy resources and technologies, carbon capture and storage, and green building systems.
 - ii. Share research and information about coastal and ocean resources, marine protected areas, and impacts of ocean acidification on ocean health.
 - iii. Climate change modelling, mitigation and adaptation policies and strategies.
 - iv. Reducing greenhouse gases from public sector operations.
 - v. Water use efficiency and conservation policies and strategies, including groundwater management, hydrological modelling, climate adaptation, aquatic ecosystem health and urban and remote water service delivery.
 - b. Maximizing our Potential in Knowledge Intensive Sectors
 - i. Institutional and industry collaborations in areas such as biotechnology and life sciences, health and medical research, including spinal cord and prostate cancer research, drug research and development and clinical trials, and information and communication technologies.
 - c. Responsible Resource Management
 - i. Maximizing social, economic and environmental benefits from resource management and development activities, including mine safety, online geosciences databases, tenure management, and unconventional gas.
 - d. Regional economies and indigenous communities
 - i. Economic independence and sustainability of rural, remote and Aboriginal communities in areas such as health, water policy and services, and clean energy technologies.

- e. Promoting Bilateral Education Opportunities
 - i. Collaborative institution-to-institution or consortium activities and relationships such as joint programming, exchanges, knowledge and information sharing, and capacity development in similar or complementary areas of research and industry strength including biotechnology, clean and alternative energy, water stewardship, internationalization of education and training, indigenous post-secondary education policy and practice, hospitality and tourism, and information and communication technologies.
 - f. Planning, Development Assessment and Growth Management
 - i. Exchanging information and ideas, in particular regarding contemporary and innovative approaches to the identified issues of growth management, regional planning, planning for climate change, innovative and contemporary systems of planning governance, transit oriented development, planning and housing affordability, and infrastructure funding.
- II. The forms of joint initiatives may include, but need not be limited to:
 - a. Sharing information and contacts
 - b. Scientific research programs and projects
 - c. Policy and program development and review
 - d. Initiatives to develop, apply and commercialize knowledge intensive technologies, products and services
 - e. Networking and exchange opportunities for business leaders, researchers, pre- and post-graduate students, educators and public servants; and
 - f. Joint sponsorship of bilateral conferences, symposia or meetings.
 - III. In the interest of promoting carbon neutral government, the Participants will hold the first Virtual Joint Cabinet Meeting within twelve months of the signature of this agreement to initiate and review joint actions and individual activities in the above mentioned areas of mutual interest and will periodically meet virtually thereafter to monitor progress.
 - IV. The Participants will, when appropriate, enter into specific cooperative arrangements on matters of common interest to deliver well-timed and demonstrable benefits for British Columbia and Queensland.
 - V. The British Columbia Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat and the Office of Trade Queensland, the Americas will be jointly responsible for coordinating work under this Memorandum. Such work will be at the discretion and subject to available resources of each Participant.
 - VI. Either Participant may propose initiatives or action plans to be added as appendices to this Memorandum, or amendments to this Memorandum.
 - VII. The Participants will settle any difference in interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum amicably by consultation and consensus between the Participants.
 - VIII. This Memorandum of Cooperation:
 - a. Will be effective on the date of execution and remain in effect for four (4) years;
 - b. May be modified or extended by agreement in writing by the Participants;
 - c. Can be terminated by either Participant giving three months notice in writing; and
 - d. Will not create a legal relationship between the Participants, demonstrate an intention to enter into a legal relationship, or create any legal, contractual or financial rights or obligations for either Participant.

SIGNED IN DUPLICATE AT VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010.


The Honourable Gordon Campbell
Premier of the Province of British Columbia, Canada


The Honourable Anna Bligh
Premier of the State of Queensland, Australia