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## **Alberta one step closer to new provincial air strategy Recommendations submitted to improve air quality in Alberta**

*Edmonton...* The Clean Air Strategic Alliance has submitted *Recommendations for a Clean Air Strategy for Alberta* to the Government of Alberta. The comprehensive report will help inform the development of an updated provincial clean air strategy to guide Alberta's long-term approach to air quality management.

"The Clean Air Strategic Alliance has worked collaboratively to provide recommendations that will help us develop an updated strategy for continued clean air for Albertans," said Diana McQueen, Environment Parliamentary Assistant who is leading all provincial air quality programs for the ministry. "Ensuring good air quality is fundamental to Albertans' quality of life. As a government, we value CASA's hard work and will consider these recommendations fully."

In drafting the 14 recommendations, stakeholders established several objectives to improve Alberta's air quality. These include enhancements to regional management of air quality, better prevention and control of air pollution, and providing air-related information to all Albertans.

"The Clean Air Strategic Alliance's team included diverse perspectives and incorporated the best current thinking on air quality management in Alberta," said Steve Kennett, a Senior Policy Analyst at the Pembina Institute and CASA member. "The team's recommendations give the government a solid foundation for developing a clean air strategy that will serve Albertans well in the coming decades."

As part of the review, the Clean Air Strategic Alliance heard from more than 440 Albertans whose input was included in the report.

"The CASA process truly demonstrates the power of collaboration," said Al Mok, Director of Environment, Health and Safety at Suncor Energy and CASA member. "By bringing together a team of committed individuals with diverse backgrounds and perspectives, we turn good ideas into great vision."

Currently, Alberta's air quality is rated as good 90 per cent of the time. Alberta's first clean air strategy was published in 1991 and since then, many initiatives and programs have led to improved air quality in the province. The Alberta government set up the Clean Air Strategic Alliance in 1994 to recommend strategies to assess and improve air quality in Alberta.

For more information on the recommendations of the Clean Air Strategic Alliance, visit [www.casahome.org/](http://www.casahome.org/). To learn more about air management in Alberta, visit [www.environment.alberta.ca](http://www.environment.alberta.ca).

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