

Thursday, July 16, 2026

The Honourable David Eby, KC  
Premier of British Columbia  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

**Re: Follow-up to BC Nature's September 2025 Letter – Nature Builds a Stronger Canada**

**Dear Premier Eby,**

In September 2025, BC Nature joined nature organizations across Canada in writing to Canada's First Ministers to encourage governments to ensure that nation-building initiatives and economic development do not come at the expense of nature. We appreciated the opportunity to share our perspective but are disappointed that we have not received a response.

We recognize the importance of strengthening British Columbia's economy and supporting major projects that benefit communities. At the same time, we continue to believe that healthy ecosystems are fundamental to our long-term prosperity, resilience, and quality of life. Protecting biodiversity and maintaining strong environmental standards are not barriers to economic growth, they are essential to sustainable development.

Over the past year, governments across Canada have continued to pursue expedited approvals for major projects. This makes it even more important that British Columbia demonstrate that efficient decision-making can coexist with strong environmental safeguards and meaningful Indigenous partnership.

BC Nature represents 64 member organizations focused on nature, conservation, and environmental stewardship, with more than 6,000 members across British Columbia. We remain committed to working collaboratively with your government to ensure that British Columbia continues to demonstrate leadership by advancing both economic prosperity and the conservation of our natural heritage.

We respectfully request a response to our original correspondence and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or members of your staff to discuss how nature conservation can continue to be integrated into the Province's nation-building priorities.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harold Sellers".

**Harold Sellers**  
President, BC Nature

**Reference:** <https://bcnature.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2025-09-Nature-Builds-Stronger-Nations-Canada-Premier-Eby-1.pdf>