



Proposed Questions for Chiefs Steering Committee

These questions are offered for consideration to get the dialogue/discussion amongst Chiefs about the proposed First Nations Water Act and Large-scale Devolution/Transfer.

1. How will the litigation and negotiation strategy work together?
2. What kind of evidence does First Peoples Law need to support it?
3. What is the role of the Treaty in the litigation?
4. What will make this different from Canada's approach to devolution?
5. Modern Day Treaty processes are driving these changes to Indian policy, so what will this approach do differently for our Treaty Nations?
6. What happens to the Crown's fiduciary obligations if the Indian Act is slowly repealed using all the new legislation like First Nations Lands Management Act and First Nations Financial Management Act, etc?
7. What happens to the rights of individual Treaty members if the government is successful at transferring responsibilities?
8. On water specifically: Why is there no reference to opting in or out in the newest Act?
9. What compels Alberta to participate at all in any of the discussions about devolution or transfer?
10. Alberta already states it 'owns' the water, how does this litigation or negotiation push back on that assertion?
11. If Treaty Nations do not accept the devolution/transfer of all programming sectors and service delivery, is Canada bound to continue to provide those same services and programs?
12. You have said to leverage the UNDRIP Action Plan, how will that align with a Treaty approach on water and related infrastructure?
13. Will the Government of Alberta be required to amend the water act, including water licensing and allocation, and the NRTA?
14. Will water management plans be amended?
15. Will GOA be held accountable to uphold a relationship with First Nations that respects the true relationship and spirit of the Treaties?