

Write to the right person

Dear Minister Nixon,

Start with a clear statement of purpose

I do not support the removal of the provincial parks, recreation areas and natural areas from Alberta's parks system. I am deeply concerned over the fate of parks and conservation in Alberta and urge you to take immediate action.

Be respectful

I was born Alberta, went to school in Alberta, and I have always considered myself a proud Albertan. I have spent my entire life hiking, camping, and cross-country skiing in many of the Alberta parks sites that are set to be delisted.

Tell YOUR story

These parks are key areas that contribute to our quality of life and promote our mental and physical wellbeing, provide us with clean water, and protect Alberta's iconic wildlife and habitats.

Focus on big picture benefits

To aid the recovery of our economy and specifically the tourism sector, the government must invest in a strong public parks system, to provide jobs, support rural communities, and allow everyone access to the benefits that time in nature provides.

Don't forget to fact check!

The value of parks goes much further than the in-hand revenue of the government. While a study by the Canadian Parks Council shows that for every dollar invested in parks \$6 is generated back in GDP, parks hold much greater value than an economic bottom line.

The sites are located across Alberta. By eliminating them you will be compromising the ability of rural Albertans and those from smaller centres to camp, hike and fish with their families close to home.

Focus on one issue at a time

Alberta Parks provide immeasurable benefits to present and future generations of Albertans, and therefore it is critical these areas are managed publicly through long-term approaches. The Alberta government must acknowledge that government protection and management of natural areas is necessary to support outdoor recreation, tourism, biodiversity, and preservation of natural heritage in our province.

I urge you to reverse this decision. Do not close, transfer the assets of, or delist Alberta's parks and recreation areas.

Reiterate your statement of purpose

Sincerely,
Concerned Citizen