



the Farmland Defence League of

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Hon. Mike de Jong, MLA
Attorney General
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Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Farmland Defence League of British Columbia and the 90% of British Columbians who support the protection of British Columbia's Agricultural Land Reserve, I write to request an independent inquiry into the roles of Premier Gordon Campbell, former Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon, current Transportation Minister Shirley Bond and BC Rail with respect to what appears to be covert use of BC Rail and misuse of public funds to industrial nearly 500 acres of Agricultural Land Reserve in South Delta.

In addition to revelations uncovered during the Basi-Virk criminal trial, it now appears that the Premier and Minister Falcon were directly involved in maintaining BC Rail as a shell company to purchase farmland for industrialization and transportation projects, contrary to what they indicated during the Gateway Plan open houses and all information about the farmland impacts of the Gateway Project.

The Farmland Defence League has learned that after its operations were sold to CN, under the direction of the Premier and Minister Falcon, BC Rail spent \$15 million of taxpayer dollars to purchase 150 acres of prime south Delta farmland for expansion of the Gateway Project far in excess of public disclosure during the Gateway Project open houses and discussions arising from the Gateway Project's applications to the Agricultural Land Commission. The Farmland Defence League is concerned that while lands had been purchased by BC Rail for transportation expansion at the time the applications were made to the ALC, these plans were not disclosed in an attempt to prevent public awareness of the true cumulative impacts, environmentally and economically, of the Premier and Minister Falcon's transportation plans.

The Farmland Defence League is concerned that rights-to-purchase considerably more farmland in the South Delta area (Appendix "B" – hand drawn map) are being purchased, with confidentiality agreements being signed by the sellers, by individuals or organizations acting on behalf of the BC government without public disclosure or the awareness or approval of the legislature.

These actions are contrary to the objectives of the Agricultural Land Reserve and the wishes of the people of British Columbia, consistently affirmed over the 37 years since

the ALR was created. As such, the Premier and ministers of Transportation have acted covertly and contrary to the Agricultural Land Commission Act and the interests of the people of British Columbia.

Our Directors are happy to meet with the independent investigator and share our knowledge and records.

Respectfully,

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