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LOVICK PROMISES CAREFUL STUDY OF ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT

VICTORIA — Labour Minister Dale Lovick today thanked the Royal Commission on Workers' Compensation in British Columbia for its thorough review and substantive report on the workers' compensation system in the province.

"In particular, I thank the members of the royal commission for taking the effort to find so much common ground," Lovick said.

The royal commission worked for more than two years, conducting extensive research and consultation with business, labour and injured workers before submitting its 1,300-page report.

"Everyone—government, businesses, workers and their families—will benefit if we can reduce workplace injuries. It's a goal we all share," Lovick said. "The issues are complex and the outcomes will be important to everyone."

"British Columbia has one of the highest workplace injury rates in the country. Reducing these numbers and the suffering they represent is a matter of good government, not ideology. I call on all parties to take the time to study the report carefully."

Lovick will be meeting with key stakeholder groups to discuss the report in detail.

Historically in B.C., workers' compensation has been a compromise whereby employers are able to avoid complex and costly law suits and workers gain insurance against workplace injuries.

The Royal Commission on Workers' Compensation in B.C. is the first complete review of the workers' compensation system in more than 30 years.

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