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**PROPERTY RIGHTS**

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Recent legislation by the PC government has been an affront to property rights and the rule of law. Bills like 2, 19, 24, 36, and 50 allowed Cabinet to rule by decree, usurping not just property rights, but the role of the courts and the corresponding ability to protect our economic rights. Bill 24, for example, blatantly confiscated all pore

space from landowners so government could implement its carbon storage scheme without dissent.

The Land Stewardship Act (Bill 36) is now being used to centrally plan all activities and development across the province. It gives Cabinet the power to make binding decisions over people, businesses, and municipalities without established criteria, without legislative oversight, and without recourse to the courts. It radically undermines the balanced, rights-based approach that has been developed over centuries.

While we have succeeded in getting Bills 19 and 50 repealed, Wildrose will continue to fight to entrench property rights more firmly and prevent future threats to Alberta land and business owners.

# POLICIES

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- » *Pass a motion to entrench the property rights of Albertans in the Canadian Constitution, guaranteeing all Albertans recourse to the courts*
- » Repeal Bill 24, the Carbon Capture and Storage Act
- » Amend Bill 36, the Land Stewardship Act (e.g. in sections 11, 15, 19), to protect individual property rights, provide checks on Cabinet's central planning, and include more decision-making power for local authorities
- » Provide more fairness and clarity to farmers and ranchers regarding their access to and use of land, water, and other private property
- » Amend the Alberta Energy Regulator's legislation to ensure Albertans' rights to notification, hearing, and independent appeal are respected
- » Review all existing laws dealing with property rights to ensure that when needed public projects are undertaken, negative impacts on affected property owners are minimized and fully compensated for

