

Harmonization Working Group Meeting with John Heron, MP, September 97

Members of the Harmonization Working Group (HWG) met with Tory environment critic, John Heron this week to raise our concerns about the devolution of responsibility for environmental standard setting and enforcement to the provinces.

Mr. Heron is receptive to our concerns. Although he supports some aspect of harmonization (having like standards across the country, fiscal responsibility), he is concerned that the Province lacks the capacity and will to enforce environmental legislation, and he favours legally binding standards rather than the standards that are not real standards proposed in the Harmonization Accord and Sub Agreements.

He promised to meet with the Federal Environment Minister, Christine Stewart to share our concerns with her. Heron also said that he wanted to bring the environment back onto the federal agenda.

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