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(Assented to _____, 1976)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Environment Conservation Act is hereby amended.*
2. *Section 7, subsection (1) is amended,*
 - (a) by adding the following clause after clause (d)*
 - (d.1) shall have the powers of a Commissioner under the Public Inquiries Act, for the purpose of obtaining information which, in the opinion of the Authority, is necessary to enable it to carry out its responsibilities, and
 - (b) as to clause (h) by striking out the words "with the approval of the Minister".*
3. *This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.*

Explanatory Notes

1. Environment Conservation Act amended.

2. Section 7 amended. Section 7, subsection (1), clauses (a) to (h), now reads:

7. (1) The Authority

- (a) shall conduct a continuing review of policies and programs of the Government and government agencies on matters pertaining to environment conservation and shall report thereon to the Minister;
- (b) may, after consultation with the Minister, inquire into any matter pertaining to environment conservation and make its recommendations and report thereon to the Minister;
- (c) shall, when required to do so by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, inquire into any matter pertaining to environment conservation that is specified in the order and make its recommendations and report thereon to the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
- (d) may require any officers or employees of any department of the Government or any government agency to provide information that, in the opinion of the Authority, is necessary for the purposes of enabling it to carry out its responsibilities;
- (e) may, and when required to do so by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council or of the Minister shall, hold public hearings for the purpose of receiving briefs and submissions on any matter pertaining to environment conservation, and shall report thereon to the Lieutenant Governor in Council and the Minister;
- (f) may from time to time as it considers necessary, but at least once a year, hold joint meetings with the public advisory committees;
- (g) may refer any matter pertaining to environment conservation to the Department of the Environment for its recommendations and report thereon;
- (h) may engage the services of persons having special technical or other knowledge in connection with an inquiry of any matter pertaining to environment conservation that the Authority, with the approval of the Minister, has undertaken or proposes to undertake;

3. Coming into force.