

# Mediated Settlements

*Improved Public Interest*

*Improved Regulatory Effectiveness and Efficiency*



In the public interest, if it is deemed necessary to do so, to authorize the Registrar to proceed to an investigation, even if the complaint is settled or withdrawn.



- Although the nature of some complaints may lend themselves to resolution without the need for a full investigation or hearing, it is important that the approval of such settlements still ensure that the public interest is protected.
- There may be cases when it is still appropriate to proceed with an investigation in the **public interest**, even if the complainant and person complained against settle the complaint or the complaint is withdrawn.
- The Government of Alberta has specifically asked for this authority to be given to the Registrar

# Why is this Important?



There may be cases when it is still appropriate to proceed with an investigation in the public interest, even if the complainant and the person complained against settles the complaint or the complaint is withdrawn.

# Proposed Legislative Change



It is recommended that the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act* be amended to authorize the Registrar to proceed to an investigation, even if the complaint is settled or is withdrawn, if it is deemed necessary to do so in the public interest.