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**Construction and Housing Industry
Advisory Committee to the Competition Council**

BCCA supports the recommendations made by the BC Competition Council particularly the recommendations made by the Construction and Housing Industry Advisory Committee's five key recommendations they are in many ways more relevant today than they were a year ago when presented:

- Create a dialogue mechanism through the creation of a Ministry of Construction – immediately – by amalgamating all British Columbia construction and housing departments and agencies, except the Ministry of Transportation (which already has created an effective working relationship with its industry sector), into this new ministry.
- Speed up the process to establish the new apprenticeship and training system and increase funding to that system to address labour shortages across the industry.
- Streamline the government procurement process for construction capital expenditures to make it fair, consistent and more cost effective across all levels of the British Columbia government.
- Explore options to champion innovation and applied R&D to advance the competitiveness of the industry.
- Work towards creating industry-wide safe work practices and publish safety statistics to show progress is being made towards the industry's ZERO INJURY goal.

BCCA Recommends that the government work with the construction industry to implement the recommendations made to the BC Competition Council by the Housing and Construction Industry Advisory Committee to the Competition Council.

The BC Construction Association represents over 1900 construction related member companies from across BC. Our member companies are both large and small, union and open-shop, and active primarily in the ICI sector.