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New chair appointed to Environmental Appeals Board

Edmonton... Retired Court of Queen's Bench Justice Delmar Perras has been appointed chair of the Environmental Appeals Board, effective July 27, for a term of three years.

"Justice Perras has an exceptional legal and public service background that makes him ideally suited to serve as the next chair," said Rob Renner, Minister of Environment. "I am pleased that he has accepted this important position. His appointment ensures the board will continue to provide an avenue for Albertans to raise concerns about regulatory decisions made by Alberta Environment."

Justice Perras first joined the Alberta Public Service as Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice (Criminal) in 1983 and became Deputy Minister one year later. In 1989, he was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench, where he served until his retirement in 2006. He was selected as chair through a publicly-advertised open recruitment process.

Justice Perras takes over from Dr. Steve E. Hrudehy, who left the position on July 14. "Dr. Hrudehy served the Environmental Appeals Board and people of Alberta with distinction," said Renner. "I thank him for his hard work and wish him great success in his future endeavors."

The Environmental Appeals Board was established under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, as an independent, quasi-judicial agency with legislated authority to review environmental approvals, water licences, reclamation and remediation certificates, enforcement matters, and other regulatory decisions made by Alberta Environment.

For more information on the Environmental Appeals Board visit www.eab.gov.ab.ca.

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