

## ASX Announcement

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# INITIAL COAL POLICY COMMITTEE SUBMISSION

### KEY POINTS

- Atrum's initial submission presented to independent Coal Policy Committee.
- Focuses on a vision for a new, modern coal policy that enshrines and extends rigorous environmental protections balanced with responsible metallurgical coal development.
- Alberta needs a new coal policy that reflects the modern stringent regulatory regime that has evolved since the original coal policy was established in 1976.
- Final written submission from Atrum expected to be delivered during 3Q 2021, with coal policy consultation process due to conclude in November 2021.
- Atrum continues constructive and informative meeting sessions with key Albertan stakeholders.

Atrum Coal Limited (ASX: ATU) (**Atrum** or the **Company**) advises that it has made an initial submission to the independent Coal Policy Committee (**Committee**) to support the development of a new, modern coal policy for Alberta.

Atrum had the opportunity to present this initial submission to the Committee yesterday via a video call. The submission included reference to Atrum's plan to responsibly develop its world-class Elan Hard Coking Coal Project (**Elan Project**) in southern Alberta.

Atrum's initial submission to the Committee will be available within the next week at: <https://your.alberta.ca/coal-policy-committee/widgets/91480/documents>

Atrum's submission acknowledges its overriding responsibility to protect the environment in which it operates and welcomes the opportunity to provide economic opportunities for all Albertans. Atrum also continues to emphasize the need for ethical sourcing of metallurgical coal which is critical for ongoing steel demand to meet current societal needs and for the transition to a green economy.

Science, technology, and the legislative and regulatory framework have greatly surpassed the intent, purpose and value of the coal categories created in the 1976 Coal Policy. In recognition of this, Atrum's initial submission outlines its view that a new coal policy should:

- Deliver rigorous protection of water and landscapes, grounded in a modern regulatory framework and acknowledge industry advancements that support responsible development of resources;
- Establish confidence among Albertans that a robust regulatory construct is in place to ensure environmentally responsible development; and
- Include a simplified land category system that can potentially see more, rather than less lands, protected.

Atrum believes that Alberta can support both the environment and economy by creating two zones within a new coal policy:

- A **Non-Development Zone** where resource projects may never be developed; and
- A **Potential Development Zone** where resource projects may be permitted subject to the rigorous processes currently applied by federal and provincial regulators as applicable.

Such a distinction would add clarity, provide certainty, reduce conflict, leverage science and technology, and reduce administrative complexity. With input from First Nations, these zones could be drawn to expand and protect the land and water included in 1976's Category 1. This approach can simultaneously allow Alberta to build its economy by applying world leading governance and best practices to the foothills and other terrain now subjectively assigned to Categories 2 to 4.

Atrum's full written submission to the Committee is expected to be delivered during 3Q 2021. The coal policy consultation process will conclude once the Committee provides its advice and recommendations within a final report expected to the Minister of Energy by 15 November 2021.

Atrum continues to undertake constructive meeting sessions with key First Nations, community leaders and other Albertan stakeholders. These discussions are providing an effective forum for Atrum to answer questions from Albertans and to outline its vision for the Elan Project in an open and transparent manner. This includes reference to plans for responsible and sequential land use and solutions to sustain water quality during and after mining.

**Atrum Managing Director and CEO, Andrew Caruso, commented:**

*"We are pleased to have made our initial submission to the independent Coal Policy Committee. The Atrum team continues to work intensively on multiple fronts towards helping Alberta establish a new, modern and balanced policy that ensures the province is a global leader in progressive, inclusive and responsible metallurgical coal development."*

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