



BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD (BCFIRB)

Hearings under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCAA)*

EXPERT WITNESS HANDOUT

What is an Expert Witness?

- a) A qualified professional which could include doctors, veterinarians, accountants, scientists, professional agrologists etc. or;
- b) A person who has extensive knowledge and experience in their field (for example, someone who has farmed for many years or someone who has run a boarding kennel for many years etc.).

If you will be calling an expert witness, fill out the 'Expert Witness' section **and submit to BCFIRB by timelines set out in the notice of appeal letter.**

The following is the process for engaging an expert witness(es):

- (1) If a party wishes to qualify a witness as an expert in relation to a matter ("expert witness"), the party must provide BCFIRB and the other party with a report, by the date set by BCFIRB. The report must include the following:
 - (a) the expert's qualifications; and
 - (b) a summary of the expert's opinion, including the facts and assumptions on which it is based.
- (2) A party who submits a report as evidence is required to produce the expert at the hearing for cross-examination as to their qualifications and their report, unless the other party agrees the experts attendance is not necessary.
- (3) A panel may refuse to consider a report where the above are not complied with.
- (4) A panel may waive the above requirements and impose other requirements regarding the receipt and exchange of expert evidence as it considers appropriate in the circumstances.
- (5) It is not necessary for a person to be a qualified professional in order to provide opinion evidence.

BCFIRB is not responsible for any cost associated with the engagement of any expert witness.



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EXPERT WITNESS CONTACT FORM

Complete and return by timeline date set out in the notice of appeal letter.

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| Name of Expert(s): | | |
| a) _____ | | |
| b) _____ | | |
| c) _____ | | |
| Expert Contact Information: | | |
| Telephone: | Cellular: | Email: |
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| Expert Qualifications: | | |
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| Summary of Evidence (use additional page if more room required): | | |
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