

## THE ISSUE

Recent ALR Regulation amendments that restrict legal cannabis farming to open fields or to closed structures with a soil base are negatively impacting BC's construction industry.

## THE BACKGROUND

The province has given more authority to local governments to prohibit cannabis production. The amendment seeks to:

- Preserve ALR production capacity
- Acknowledge cannabis is a legal crop
- Respect citizen's Charter protections and their right to access
- Recognize need for local flexibility
- Recognize existing capital investment in the industry

*"Cannabis industry is saving cities  
with struggling economies" -  
Forbes, 2018*

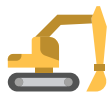
The role of the ALC is to administer the Act.  
The Province has no plans to change the existing legislation.

## ALREADY GONE:



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Projects



**-\$635M**

Construction Value



**-1,035**

Construction Jobs



**-1,335**

Operational Jobs



**-\$104M**

Annual Income  
of Operational Jobs

\*Evergreen, SunPure, Valens, Blue Vault.

## PERCEIVED RISKS

For example: odour, lighting, traffic, visual impact, community/cultural impact, and sustainable land use.

*Local governments in the US have established best practices that BC communities can learn from.*

## REAL, LOCAL BENEFITS

- Construction jobs
- Operating jobs
- Economic diversification
- Effective use of infertile land
- Investment in BC communities
- Tax and other local revenue
- Skills training
- Operations
- Capacity building
- Tourism

## OPPORTUNITY & NEXT STEPS

We respectfully remind the ALC and its 13 Commissioners across the province that BC's construction workers have a stake in this issue, and request that Regional Construction Associations be included in decisions around land use to ensure all impacts are fully considered.