

Who Cares About Fixing Poverty in BC?

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Well, it's the Poverty Reduction

Coalition!

One of their many activities is to send recommendations to the government when the government deigns to ask people for their ideas. The Finance Committee is an all-party committee of the legislature, so the government usually ignores their recommendations.

As citizens, we need to make the government respond to our demands, particularly when legislative committees provide pretty good recommendations!

Here's what's going on this year, from the Poverty Reduction Coalition.

1. Read it, below
2. Then [email](#), phone [250.387.1715], [tweet](#) or [Facebook](#) the premier and tell her to listen to the Finance Committee this year
3. Then read the Coalition's latest op-ed: [Trish Garner: B.C. is now last province without a plan to tackle poverty](#)
4. Then visit the [Coalition's webpage](#) and get more involved in making BC a less shameful place!

From the Coalition:

After our [submission](#) to the **Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services**, they have now released their report, which again recommends to the Legislative Assembly that the provincial government “**introduce a comprehensive poverty reduction plan**” but this time it also includes stronger features to “**review income assistance rates, the minimum wage, and clawback of child support payments.**” Also, last year's "Look at ways to provide more affordable and accessible quality child care" is now "**Provide funding and support for the development and implementation of a child care plan.**” [See the full report here.](#)