MEET THE CHALLENGE



OF BEING FOR THE DAY!



### Introduction

Albertans are lucky to enjoy an environment with abundant natural resources and beautiful landscapes. Albertans want to ensure our environment will be a legacy for future generations.



Alberta Environment is the provincial government department responsible for protecting and enhancing Alberta's environment.

### Imagine you have been selected to be Alberta's new Environment Minister.

Alberta Environment's specific areas of responsibility are:

- Climate Change
- Air
- Water
- Waste
- Land





#### Vision:

Alberta's environment sustains a high quality of life.



### Mission:

Steward the use of and ensure the protection of our diverse environment to sustain natural ecosystems, healthy Albertans, strong communities and a prosperous economy.

# Your Profile **Praw** or place a photo of yourself here Please print Name: Age: Community: School: Teacher:

# Your Story

### Tell us about...

1) Your Hobbies and Interests
2) A Time You Spent Outdoors
3) Your Reason(s) For Wanting to be Minister for the Day

### YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES

As Environment Minister, it's important for you to think about the future. Air, land, water, waste, climate change, wetlands, and pollution are some of the areas that the Alberta Minister of Environment must think about. In the section below identify 3 issues related to these areas that you feel are the most important for the government to work on.

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## ENCOURAGE AND MOTIVATE ALBERTANS

Protecting and enhancing the environment is everyone's responsibility – government, industry, business, communities and individuals. One of the biggest challenges is to get individuals involved in actions that help to protect the environment. The protection and management of Alberta's **wetlands** is one area in which the Minister of Environment is very involved.

As Minister of Environment, create your Wetlands Conservation Plan. What can be done to help Albertans change the way they treat and appreciate Alberta's wetlands? Answer the three questions below.

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Explain why.					

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### Draw A Picture

This year's topic for Alberta's Environment Week is **Climate Change**. Environment Week happens June 4 to June 10, 2006 and the Minister of Environment is involved in many activities to celebrate and raise awareness of our environment.

Much of the concern around climate change is the release of excess greenhouse gases from human activities into the earth's atmosphere. Burning fossil fuels for energy is a major source of greenhouse gases. By conserving energy, we cut back on emissions of greenhouses gases and the impact on our climate.

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