

# Finding Better Ways to Reconcile Differences in Agriculture and Natural Resource Development Projects - Past, Present & Future

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# The Past

Public Hearings

Little or no use of mediators

Little collaboration

Arbitration - commercial settings

Little Mediation

# The Present

More use of arbitration and mediation

Agriculture - Crop Insurance ; Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm)

Forestry – rate disputes between Ministry and contractor

Resource Development Partnerships - between First Nations and resource companies

Land Use – between the ALR and Municipalities

# The Future

Water usage disputes – ag vs urban, etc.

Water quality – addition of pollutants by users upstream

Land fills –

Solid waste –

# Consensus

The future is full of possibilities for mediators, facilitators , consensus builders as well as Arbitrators

The Sattva Case in the Supreme Court of Canada

The increasing use of mediation by commerce including the resource sector

Civil Resolution Tribunal act

# What Is Needed To Move Forward

Who are the real stakeholders in a dispute?

Educate resource companies and municipalities – concensus vs hearings.

Work with First Nations

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