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Objet : Why Carpet-Bomb Drill??

Or indeed with respect to Suffield, Why Not?? As long as the need to pay lease, road, and pipeline right-away rights are grand-fathered, indeed, why not?? If indeed EnCana and others were held to the same surface rights agreements as Ranchers and Farmers demand, would this change the "Carpet -Bomb" Approach, chosen as the sole method to develop Suffield??

As such, should there not be a review of the present practice of setting lease, road, and pipeline land usage agreements on Suffield that would bring sober second thought to unparallel drilling as the only means of resource development? All Suffield wells should be reviewed with the question, does land use cost allow for greater density of wells on Suffield? Is this harmful to the Ranchers and farmers that surround Suffield? No study should be required of NWA as no further drilling should be allowed on that pristine area, but has surface lease payments added to the desire for wells in that area also??

And are the Alberta Government adding to the desire of environmental damage to the area by allowing groups of wells to have royalties set on a single well basis?? If indeed groups of wells are allowed to access and drain a known zone, should provisions under the "Low Productivity Well Allowance" be made available based on a single wells production? Again are these provisions used in the spirit and intent of the act, as it was intended when brought into force? Is this another good reason to accelerate product in Suffield while these provisions are allowed, and the Alberta public being more knowledgeable with respect to royalties?? Again we need the Provincial Government with opposition prodding to examine if royalty giveaways leads to pressure to develop areas best left to drain slower, but with far less environmental damage!! Also the Alberta Government must surely investigate the ambitious nature the ERCB have taken, with respect to Suffield?? Should not the Energy Minister not be involved with Federal/ Provincial agreements?? Is the ERCB and the acting council for the Suffield panel [an ERCB member] not finding themselves in "conflict of interest" when questioned on the 3-well ERCB license, and ERCB involvement in the Federal matter?? Can this present Alberta government actually control and influence the present ERCB?? Both Federal and Provincial governments will be held responsible for their complete lack of interest in what has become an issue with public interest!!

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