



Assembly of First Nations Federal Election 2011 Questionnaire on First Nation Issues

As the national organization representing First Nations citizens in Canada, the Assembly of First Nations, wants to hear directly from all federal parties during the 2011 Federal Election. The United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples endorsed by Canada on November 12, 2010 sets out key standards and calls on all states and indigenous peoples to work together in mutual respect and partnership. The objective of this questionnaire is to determine the willingness of all federal parties to work within this important new context and opportunity for mutual growth and positive outcomes.

Education

1. Will your government commit to ending discriminatory funding and ensuring fair, equitable funding for First Nation schools on a priority basis?

Reconciliation and Affirmation

2. Would your government work to transform the current relationship between First Nations and the Government of Canada by implementing Treaties and other agreements and settle land claims as opposed to continuing failed policy approaches grounded in the Indian Act?
3. How would your government ensure that a new, stable and predictable approach to fiscal transfers between First Nation governments and the Government of Canada is developed, based on equity, accountability and mutually established service standards?

Economy and the Environment

4. Will your government recognize the role of First Nations and commit to working in partnership with First Nations to support First Nation engagement in sustainable resource and economic development in their traditional territories?

Safety and Community Health

5. How will your government ensure there is a sustainable, equitable investment in core First Nations services including child welfare; health services; non-insured health benefits; housing and water infrastructure?