



ENGINEERS &  
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BRITISH COLUMBIA

# POLICY

POLICY	Development of Position Papers
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## PURPOSE AND SCOPE

To guide the development of position papers on matters of public interest as a way to increase awareness of and appreciation for the professions and Engineers and Geoscientists BC.

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2.1 Topics of position papers must meet the following criteria:

2.1.1 The topic can be supported by Engineers and Geoscientists BC's primary mandate.

*The issue is directly related to upholding and protecting the public interest in the practice of professional engineering and professional geoscience.*

2.1.2 The topic is an issue of impending prominence, with genuine uncertainty. *The issue has future value and potential for discussion. Engineers and Geoscientists BC has a demonstrated involvement in the subject matter being considered and can provide clarity to the issue at hand.*

2.1.3 At least two distinctive positions can be identified.

*Engineers and Geoscientists BC can provide comprehensive information either in favour of or in opposition to the issue.*

2.1.4 The scope of the issue is narrow enough to be manageable.

*The position paper does not exceed the scope of the issue identified.*

2.1.5 The audience is clearly identified.

*The position paper will target a particular audience (government, members, public, other stakeholders).*

2.2 The proposed position will be approved by Council.

- 2.3 Position papers will be referred to the appropriate Committee, Task Force, or Division for drafting, or to a Position Paper Working Group to be led by the Immediate Past President.
- 2.4 The position papers will undergo editorial review, and legal review where appropriate.
- 2.5 A maximum of two papers per year may be approved.

## REVIEW DATES

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