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Certainty and fairness for all

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Some, like MP John Cummins, see our relations with aboriginal peoples in terms of "victories" and "defeats," (his words) as though aboriginal people were forever our adversaries, rather than our partners and fellow citizens in the collective enterprise of building a stronger, fairer province. Surely, as Canadians, we can do better than that. We do not need to be locked forever in a world of "us" and "them." The proposal offered by government and first nations, if it becomes law, would help us turn the corner towards trust, certainty and prosperity for all British Columbians.

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