

Appendix 1: British Columbia Health Impact Assessment Checklist

The checklist produced by the British Columbia Ministry of Health Population Health Resource Branch is summarized below. This table provides the decision maker with more guidance on the determinants of health that should be considered. It encompasses a broad view of health and recognizes the importance of socio-economic factors in determining health.

WILL THE OPTION HAVE AN IMPACT ON	Possible Impact	Information Required
1. The <u>creation</u> of income and/or wealth? Will specific income groups or communities be impacted positively or negatively?		
2. The <u>distribution</u> of income and/or wealth? Will specific income groups or communities be impacted positively or negatively?		
3. Employment opportunities for individuals and/or communities? What is the impact on the nature and distribution of jobs and/or working conditions?		
4. Learning opportunities, particularly for young people and/or unemployed? Will training/education support tomorrow's jobs?		
5. Healthier beginnings for children? This includes meeting their basic physical needs, building self-esteem and developing a sense of connectedness with others.		
6. The number and quality of healthy personal connections, such as those with friends, families, colleagues and community groups (as distinct from professional support services)? Will it segregate or isolate individuals or groups?		
7. Physical safety and security among individuals and communities?		
8. People's sense of control over their own lives in the decision making affecting their income, working and living conditions, support systems local government programs, services and/or resources?		
9. Physical and/or mental health? Which individuals are most affected?		
10. The provision of fair, equitable and respectful access to government programs, services and/or resources?		
11. The environment? Will the environmental changes affect health?		

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