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Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips,

I want to thank yourself and the team at the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) for hosting the workshop on June 22-23, 2022 in Yellowknife to learn about Regional Strategic Environmental Assessments (RSEA) and discuss what one might look like in the Slave Geological Province (SGP). We appreciate being able to gather together and discuss the Tłıchǫ Government's request for a regional study in the SGP, a topic that is important for so many potentially affected parties, and to hear about concerns but also hopes and aspirations as to how we might work together.

At the workshop, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) asked participants to share their thoughts in writing, which we will use to inform recommendations for the Minister of Northern Affairs on if and how a regional study in the SGP could be initiated under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. We thank MVEIRB for agreeing to post these written submissions on its website, along with other workshop materials. Attached please find the written responses that we have received to date from Indigenous governments and organizations, and other interested organizations and individuals about the workshop and a potential RSEA in the SGP. We encourage others to submit their responses in a timely manner so that we may consider all views in our recommendations to the Minister.

We thank everyone for submitting their positions, thoughts and concerns. We are reflecting on these submissions and the discussions from the workshop, as well as the original request from the Tłıchǫ Government, as we develop recommendations on next steps for a potential RSEA in the SGP. We look forward to continuing to work with you and the interested parties in the coming weeks and months.

Sincerely,

Joanna Ankersmit  
Director General  
Natural Resources and Environment Branch



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