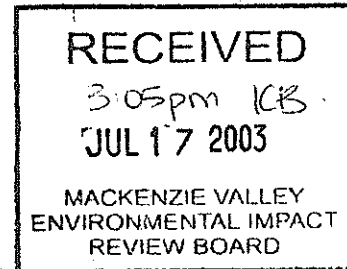




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Dear Ms. Sian

Culture, Heritage & Languages, GNWT
Comments on Drybones/Wool Bay Environmental Assessments

As per our meeting on Thursday July 17, 2003, the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre (Culture, Heritage & Languages Division of the Government of the Northwest Territories) has the following comments regarding the environmental assessment proceedings of the Drybones/Wool Bay diamond exploration projects:

There has never been a systematic archaeological survey conducted along the north shore of Great Slave Lake, and as a result we lack archaeological baseline data for the Drybones/Wool Bay area. Judging by the extensive record of traditional land use known through Yellowknives Dene First Nation oral histories, it is clear that the area has a long history of human activity. Consequently, it is expected that there would be many archaeological sites in the area.

On the basis of these observations, we strongly recommend that a systematic archaeological survey be completed in the land use area prior to the commencement of mineral exploration activities.

If you require further information, please contact Tom Andrews, Territorial Archaeologist, or Kathleen Groenewegen, Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Assistant (Intern), at 873-7551.

Sincerely,

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