



**FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL  
TRANSMISSION PAR TÉLÉCOPIEUR**

Number of pages including this page  
Nombre de pages incluant cette page **3**

Date  
*November 6, 2003*

**FROM - DE**

Name - Nom <i>Fraser Fairman</i>		Position title - Titre du poste <i>Environmental Scientist</i>	
Directorate - Direction Renewable Resources & Env		Branch - Direction générale Environment & Conservation	
Room - Pièce	Facsimile no. - N° de télécopieur (867) 669-2701	Telephone no. - N° de téléphone (867) 669-2580 2587	

**TO - À**

Name - Nom <i>Mr. Vern Christensen - Executive Director, MUEIEB</i>	
Facsimile no. - No de télécopieur <i>766-7074</i>	Telephone no. - N° de téléphone

Dear Mr. Christensen:

Please find attached INAC's Request for  
Ruling letter on the Dryhones/Wool Bay  
Area's Environmental Assessment.

*Cheers  
Fraser*

RECEIVED  
 ✓ NOV 06 2003 12:53 p.m.  
 MACKENZIE VALLEY  
 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
 REVIEW BOARD

107



Indian and Northern  
Affairs Canada  
www.inac.gc.ca

Affaires indiennes  
et du Nord Canada  
www.ainc.gc.ca

*Your file - Votre référence*

*Our file - Notre référence*

November 6, 2003

Mr. Vern Christensen  
Executive Director,  
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
Box 938, 200 Scotia Centre, (5102-50th Avenue)  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7  
Fax: 867-766 7074

**Re: Request for Ruling - Drybones/Wool Bay Areas' Environmental Assessments**

Dear Mr. Christensen:

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) requests that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB), pursuant to section 44 of the Rules of Procedure for Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Review Proceedings, rule on a number of issues prior to the Public Hearing for the Drybones/Wool Bay Areas' Environmental Assessments.

INAC would like to request that the MVEIRB rule on the following questions:

1. How will the MVEIRB use the Cumulative Effects (CE) Study in relation to the three Environmental Assessments in the Drybones/Wool Bay Areas?
2. As this is a new process whereby a CE Study is being used and it is intended that one Public Hearing will cover three separate EAs, how will the MVEIRB reconcile its decision making process? Will the MVEIRB combine the three EAs in any respect or will they treat the EAs separately and on their own merits? Can the MVEIRB explain/clarify this new process?
3. How will the Snowfield Development Corporation factor into the Public Hearings, if at all? Will this EA be dealt with separately?

**Canada** 

*Printed on recycled paper - Imprimé sur papier recyclé*

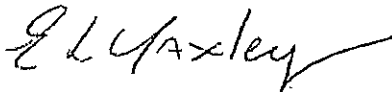
11/06/2003 THU 11:20 [TX/RX NO 5044]

4. INAC identified numerous omissions, deficiencies, and incomplete findings in the CE Study by Gartner Lee Limited. Will the MVEIRB be submitting a Final CE Study with all parties' comments and issues summarized for the Public Registry?

INAC requests these issues be resolved prior to the Public Hearings to ensure the public and other parties or regulatory agencies are clear on the EA process for the proposed developments in the Drybones/Wool Bay Areas.

If the MVEIRB has any questions regarding this Request for Ruling, please contact Lionel Marcinkoski, at 669-2591, or Fraser Fairman, at 669-2587.

Sincerely,



Eric Yaxley,  
Acting Manager,  
Environment and Conservation  
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.