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Re: Timelines to date for the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project in accordance with 2014 amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act

Dear Ms. Batchelor:

On March 25, 2014 amendments to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (the Act) received royal assent. The amended Act now sets out time limits for the Review Board and Responsible Ministers for environmental assessments.

The purpose of this letter is to describe the amount of time spent to date for this environmental assessment. The Mackenzie Valley Highway Project is an environmental assessment with a hearing. In accordance with the Act, the Review Board has 16 months and the Minister five months, for a total of 21 months, to complete the environmental assessment. These time limits do not include the time you use to provide information or conduct studies.

The following table outlines time spent by the Review Board, the developer and the Minister for the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project from March 25 – June 20, 2014:

Mackenzie Valley Highway Project – Environmental Assessment with a hearing			
	Review Board	Developer	Minister
Mar 26-Jun 25 2014		91 days	

The Review Board will send you updated versions of this letter periodically throughout the environmental assessment process. Please contact me if you if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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