

Lee Carruthers

March 30, 2015

Mr. Blake Richards, MP – Wild Rose  
Chair – Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Richards,

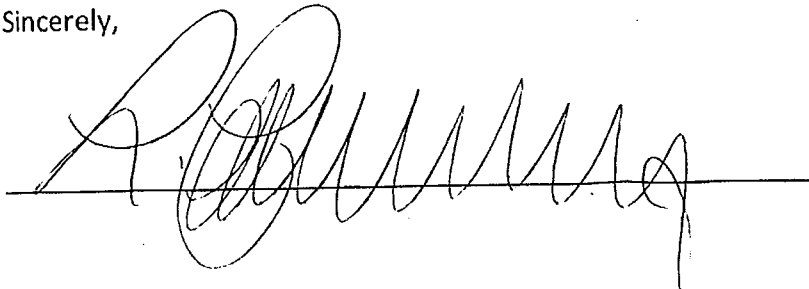
**RE: Proposed amendments to the Yukon and Environmental and Socioeconomic Assessment Act (YESAA) through Bill S-6: An Act to amend the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act and Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act.**

I am writing to you and your Committee to oppose the following amendments to the YESAA through Bill S-6. They are:

1. **GIVING BINDING POLICY DIRECTION TO THE YESAA BOARD** (i.e. Proposed amendment #34 to add a new section 121.1 after Section 121 of YESAA)
2. **DELEGATING RESPONSIBILITIES TO YUKON GOVERNMENT** (i.e. that part of proposed amendment #2 that would add section 6.1 to YESAA)
3. **IMPOSING MAXIMUM TIMELINES FOR ASSESSMENTS** (i.e. proposed amendments #21 and #23(2), and those parts of proposed amendments #16 and #17 that pertain to the establishment of time lines)
4. **NOT REQUIRING ASSESSMENTS WHEN A PROJECT IS RENEWING OR BEING AMENDED** (i.e. proposed amendment #14 (to add section 49.1(1 and 2) after Section 49 of YESAA).

I respectfully ask that further consideration of Bill S-6 be deferred until such a time as the three parties, through further dialogue, reach agreement on these four controversial elements. Failing that, I ask that you recommend Bill S-6 be amended to delete these provisions from Bill S-6 in your report back to the House of Commons.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Carruthers', written over a horizontal line.