



Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development



January 10, 2001

Mr. Louie Azzolini
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Dear Mr. Azzolini:

Environmental Assessment of Patterson Forestry Development
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board, File #EA00-005

Thank you for your letter of January 4, 2001, requesting notification of the Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development (RWED) intent to participate in the environmental assessment process for the above noted project.

In light of the departmental mandate for forest management, for this environmental assessment, the Department is a regulatory authority. Furthermore, RWED is prepared to participate as a "Expert Advisor" as defined in your letter. The Minister of RWED also wishes to be recognized as a responsible Minister as defined in s.111 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* for this environmental assessment in light of the departmental mandate for the management of wildlife and forestry.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this environmental assessment. Please ensure all future correspondence related to this assessment is directed to me.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Emmett
Director
Policy, Legislation and Communications

