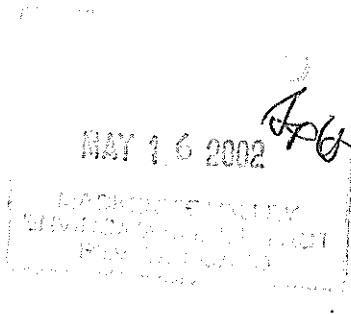


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Re: Protecting Nahanni National Park Reserve

Dear Mr. Christensen,

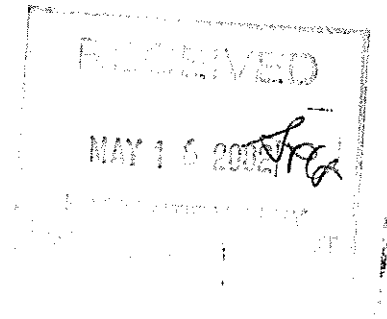
Please find attached a copy of the letters sent to Minister Robert Nault and Minister Sheila Copps regarding the protection of the Nahanni National Park Reserve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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The Hon. Sheila Copps, P.C., M. P.
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Re: Protecting Nahanni National Park Reserve

Dear Minister Copps,

We are a group of Swiss people undertaking a guided three week's canoeing trip in the Nahanni National Park this upcoming summer. Learning about the precarious conditions and impending developments at the Praire Creek Mine upstream from the Nahanni National Park, we feel impelled to write to you to express our deepest concern and consternation.

The recently issued report by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board substantiates that the Praire Creek Mine with its obsolete on-site infrastructure consisting of toxic chemicals poses a threat of disastrous impact to the Nahanni River and its environment. Furthermore, we understand that there are intentions by Canadian Zinc Corporation to resume and engage in full-scale mining exploration as well as gas and oil development at this place.

As these industrial projects endanger the fragile ecological integrity of the Nahanni National Park, we therefore ask you to oppose both effectively and ultimately any mining and development projects in this area and, therefore, to object to granting industrial rights now and in the future. We further clearly support the efforts to expand the protected area to include the entire watershed of the Nahanni River and thus create the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem as it is imperative for a healthy ecosystem to be jointed by large connecting tracks of land.

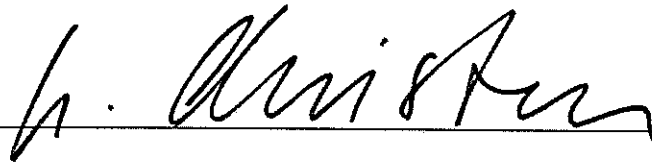
We are no green fundamentalist when we petition you to protect the Nahanni National Park in a sustainable and effective way. We want you to learn from the mistakes made in Europe, where nature needed to give way to the laws of profitability to an extent which will never be retrieved despite reforestation and rigorous pollution control. Looking at Canada as a country with affluent natural resources, we are also aware of the economic aspect of industrial development playing a significant role in the country's balance sheet. However, from a long-term perspective, both Canada's nature and its cashbox will undoubtedly more profit from an intact environment than from exploiting that specific area's natural resources. Ecological tourism in a pure and sound environment will increasingly be sought after in a time where places such as the Nahanni Natinoal Park will in fact become a rarity on our planet.

Coming from a country where nature and its preservation have highest priority, though living on a continent where places of secluded remoteness and pure and pristine wilderness no longer exist, we feel grateful and privileged to have the chance to spend a few weeks in the Nahanni National Park. We are convinced we will experience unforgettable moments and take everlasting memories with us – hopefully, this will also be true for our children: You as member of the government not only have the obligation to protect the Nahanni National Park as World Heritage Site, but also and more important, it is you who carry the weight on your shoulders to ensure that the coming generations will still be able to experience nature in its purest form.

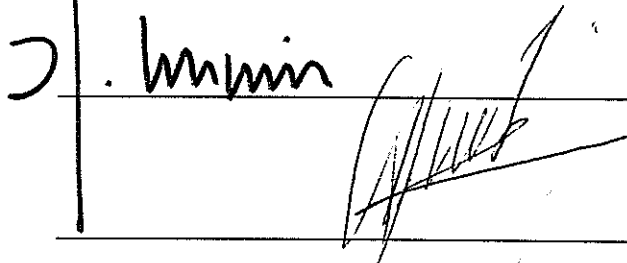
It is up to you to stand the test of time.

Yours sincerely,

Irene Christen

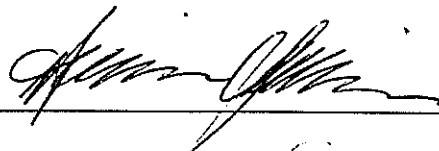


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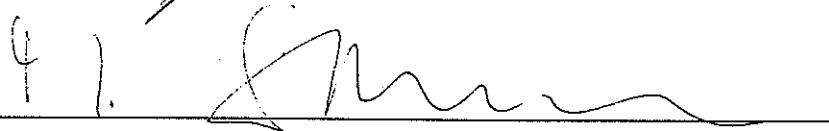


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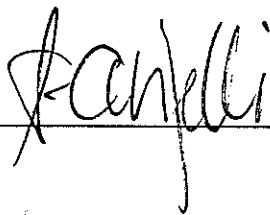
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