## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The Honourable Chuck Strahl, PC, MP Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada 10 Wellington Street. Hull, Quebec K1A 0H4

Dear Minister Strahl.

Re: Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the Bayswater Uranium Corporation El Lake Mineral Exploration Project (EA0708-004)

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board is pleased to submit the attached Report of Environmental Assessment on Bayswater Uranium Corporation El Lake Mineral Exploration Project.

It is the Review Board's opinion that Bayswater Uranium Corporation's El Lake development, in combination with the cumulative effects of other present and reasonably foreseeable future developments in the Upper Thelon River Basin, will likely cause significant adverse cultural impacts on Aboriginal peoples by impacting an area of very high spiritual importance. These impacts are so significant that the development cannot be justified.

The Review Board recommends, pursuant to section 128(1)(d) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act, that the project be rejected without an environmental impact review.

The Review Board would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have regarding this Report of Environmental Assessment.

Sincerely,

Richard Edjericon

Chairperson

Attachment