

## Catherine Fairbairn

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**Subject:** LKFN Comments on draft Workplan for the Mackenzie Valley Highway EA

Catherine,

Łíídlıı Kúé First Nation (LKFN) writes to you today to comment on the draft Workplan for the Mackenzie Valley Highway (MVH) Environmental Assessment (EA).

In particular, LKFN wishes to note that our Dene Traditional Knowledge, Land Use and Occupancy Study (DTKLOUS) for the MVH project is yet to commence. The findings from the study will be essential for informing our meaningful engagement (and the Crown's Duty to Consult) on the MVH throughout the Analytical and Hearing phases of the EA.

We intend to proceed with the study as soon as possible following execution of a contribution agreement with the Proponent and we expect this to occur in the near future. However, due to the late start for our DTKLOUS, we cannot confirm at this time whether our Nation will be able to provide comprehensive information requests on the Developer's Assessment Report by the proposed end date of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If we are unable to achieve this deadline to provide our comprehensive input, we will very likely require a second round of information requests in the fall of 2024 (as is contemplated in the draft workplan). We request that you confirm that you will provide a second round of information requests in the fall of 2024 if we determine that it is necessary for our Nation to engage meaningfully in the process. We further request that you confirm with our staff directly whether we will require a second round of information requests.

Thank you,

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