

To The Members of The Commission,

Here we are at this watershed moment in the history of our precious planet. You are in the honoured and weighty position of planning for the future of the pristine Peel Watershed.

How could your planning result in anything but an unequivocal recommendation for the preservation of these lands? Clearly, the great majority of Canadians are deeply concerned about the welfare of our natural world. The fate of the Peel Watershed impacts far beyond the Yukon. Relatively untouched natural areas such as these are now tragically rare. This places great importance, immeasurable value on such lands and the decisions made by mere humans about them.

I beseech you to think beyond short term economic gains, essentially to be among the few who with wisdom and courage go against those powerful, immediate pressures from the self serving and short sighted. Take a stand not just for the Watershed, but for the struggling planet which has been so vastly stripped of health, life, and beauty by humanity.

Please know that even those who pressure for development on these lands are best served by your denying what it is they think they want. They are somehow disconnected from their Mother, the Earth. It is this disconnect by so many which has brought us all to the verge of total environmental collapse.

Please use whatever power and influence you have to save these precious lands.

Thank you.

Most Sincerely,

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