

(b) an emergency if a federal or territorial minister who is authorized under any other Act of Parliament or any territorial law to declare a state of emergency, to take measures to prevent an emergency or to remedy or minimize its effects is of the opinion that an emergency exists;

(Emphases added)

Part 3 of the of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c.14, s.2 (NuPPA), will not apply to projects carried out in response to an emergency if a territorial minister who is authorized under any territorial law to declare a state of emergency is of the opinion that a state of emergency exists (s.152(1)).

I am authorized to declare a state of emergency in any part of Nunavut pursuant to s.11(1) of the *Emergency Measures Act*, S.Nu. 2007, c.10, and I am of the opinion that the current water shortage in Lake Geraldine, combined with historic low water levels in the Apex River constitutes an emergency in the City of Iqaluit. Access to clean water is critical for human health, and it is in the interest of ensuring the health and safety of Iqalumiut that the project be carried out without delay.

Regards,

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