

At present the Commission is in receipt of other applications and is committed to processing them on a timely basis in the order in which they have been received. Consequently the Commission is unable to undertake any new processes not planned, budgeted for, and approved by the federal government in the Commission's previous fiscal year. The Commission would be pleased to work with BIMC if BIMC chooses to proceed with an amendment application. The Commission also would welcome further dialogue on the issues raised in your April 28, 2015 letter. However, please be aware that unless supplementary funding is advanced by Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada pursuant to our current dialogue with them on that topic, the Commission may be required to prepare a budget and work plan for BIMC's amendment application and submit them to the federal government for the 2016/2017 fiscal year.

I look forward to working with you and your team on the Mary River file. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Respectfully,



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