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The Government of Nunavut (GN) thanks the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for the opportunity to respond to questions raised to the GN during the March 2017 Qikiqtani hearing on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP). Responses to these questions may be found in the enclosed Appendix A.

The GN recommends that the NPC proceed with appropriate consultations, revise the DNLUP and that this revised DNLUP be subject to public hearings in the Qikiqtani, Kivalliq, and Kitikmeot regions. The GN made this recommendation along with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, and the Government of Canada in a June 2018 letter to the NPC. The GN hopes to further discuss the issues raised at the March 2017 Qikiqtani Public Hearing at subsequent in-person consultations and public hearings. The GN recommends that the Hearing Procedure be revised, in part, to allow for questions to be raised and answered orally within the hearing's timeframe. In the context of the responses within Appendix A, the GN requests that NPC clarify how these will be used. The GN also requests that NPC provide responses to questions directed towards it. Again, NPC facilitated consultations on the DNLUP are needed to enable robust solutions to some of these complex topics.

In regards to the reopening of the record for the 2016 DNLUP, the GN would like to alter one comment from our January 2017 submission; specifically Comment #2017-6. The altered comment can be found in Appendix B.

The GN mandate, *Turaaqtavut*, states: "We will develop our infrastructure and economy in ways that support a positive future for our people, our communities, and our land

