

# **NORTH SLAVE MÉTIS ALLIANCE**

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**RE: Application for Standing to Become a Participant in the Public Hearing and Public Review of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan:**

Dear Mr. Savoy,

North Slave Métis Alliance (“NSMA”) is a body representing Aboriginal rights-bearing Métis people north and east of the Great Slave Lake area. NSMA participates actively in matters pertinent to our members’ Aboriginal rights, including issues that are transboundary in nature, such as the management of Barren-ground caribou populations.

NSMA members have relied on Barren-ground caribou, in particular the Bathurst herd, for their livelihood. NSMA is gravely concerned of the health of the Barren-ground caribou herds, and have been participating in a variety forums to provide NSMA members’ views and traditional knowledge, including Nunavut Impact Review Board, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board, Bathurst Caribou Range Planning Working Group, and other government-to-government discussions.

It is our understanding that the outcome of the public hearing and public review of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan will have a significant impact on the future health of Barren-ground caribou. For these reasons, NSMA would like to apply for a standing to become a participant in the Public Hearing and Public Review of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.

NSMA will send one (1) board of director and one (1) technical staff to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing, in English. NSMA’s oral and written submissions will focus on the protection of Bathurst and Bluenose East caribou calving and post-calving habitat.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned for questions regarding this application.

Yours Truly,

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