



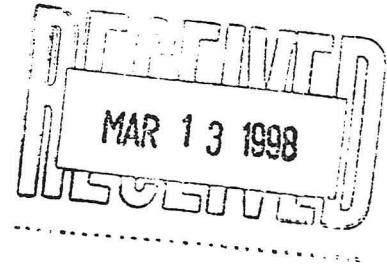
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The Honorable Eric Fairclough  
 Minister of Renewable Resources  
 Government of Yukon  
 Box 2703  
 Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2C6



Dear Mr. Minister,

**RE: YUKON PROTECTED AREAS STRATEGY WORKSHOP**

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the results of the recent workshop on the Protected Areas Strategy (YPAS). The mining industry was well represented at the workshop, and a number of our members were very active in the discussions that took place. Following an in-depth review of the DRAFT workshop report, we are of the opinion that the concerns expressed by the pro-development side of this issue have been, for the most part, largely ignored.

The chamber has been an active player in this process from the outset. On more than one occasion, we have expressed concern that the balance we have been promised is not evident. This is very obvious in the DRAFT report we have just received.

We will make yet another attempt to have the concerns of the mining industry dealt with and included in the final report of the workshop proceedings. Our comments and observations will be forwarded to the Department of Renewal Resources, and we seek your assurance they will be given full consideration and included in the final DRAFT.

We await your response on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

**The Yukon Chamber of Mines**

*Carl Schulze*

Carl Schulze, Chair  
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