The Yukon Chamber of Mines represents over 400 mining, exploration and associated service and supply companies and supports a fair and balanced approach to land use planning in the territory that recognizes the co-existence of all land users, including the significant economic and social contributions of the mining and exploration industry.

Regarding the Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan, and the Yukon Government's ongoing public consultation process (February 25 is the deadline for the final opportunity to submit your feedback and perspective before the territorial government accepts, rejects or modifies the Recommended Plan), the Yukon Chamber of Mines firmly believes that:

- The Yukon Government's proposed new land use designations for the Peel Watershed Regional LUP do not fairly equate the economic contributions of the mining and exploration industry nor recognize how these contributions help support the territory's social fabric and initiatives with the cultural, recreational and environmental values in the region.
- The Yukon Government's proposed new land use designations for the Peel Watershed Regional LUP do not give due consideration to the strict regulatory regime and legislative processes that provide oversight to, and mitigation measures for, Yukon mining and exploration activities.
- The Yukon Government's proposed new land use designations for the Peel Watershed Regional LUP do not give due consideration to the mandatory requirements for reclamation and associated reclamation funds that legislate the industry nor recognize the industry's small environmental footprint.
- The Yukon Government's proposed approach to protection in the Peel Watershed Region is too restrictive. It does not foster industry and economic sustainability, does not take the social or economic needs of future generations into account and creates a restrictive precedent for the territory's six remaining LUP processes.
- The Yukon Government's proposed new land use designations for the Peel Watershed Regional LUP do not equally recognize all land users and do not foster continued co-existence.
- The Yukon's mining and exploration industry firmly believes that land use planning in the territory must be founded on principles of balance and fairness that recognize all land users including the mining and exploration industry.

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