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Dear Mr. McDonald:

NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework and the Energy Strategy Input

Thank you for your correspondence of February 7 and of June 16, 2017; that was addressed to the Premier, related to input into the Northwest Territories (NWT) Climate Change Strategic Framework and the NWT Energy Strategy. It was excellent reading.

The *NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework and NWT Energy Strategy Summary of Joint Engagements Activities* is a summary of the general themes and input received from our survey and the six regional public engagements. You should note the content of independent stakeholder written submissions was not included as part of the regional public engagement summary document.

The six regional engagement sessions were attended by hundreds of people that gave their input over the course of two days of interactive facilitated workshops. As a summary document, and due to the large amount of information collected, the views of specific individual or stakeholder groups during the six sessions is not directly represented in the *Summary of Joint Engagement Activities* document.

The material submitted by Alternatives North; alongside input received from other stakeholders and that which was gleaned from the regional engagement sessions, is now being used to help inform the development of the NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework and the NWT Energy Strategy.

The GNWT will recognize the submissions made by Alternatives North and other third parties in the final version of the *NWT Energy Strategy Summary of Joint Engagements Activities* report.

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While the GNWT is committed to increasing the use of renewable energy over time, this transition must be achieved using proven technologies, keeping in mind other energy objectives such as energy cost stability and system reliability.

Together, the NWT Energy Strategy and the NWT Climate Change Strategic Framework are intended to put the NWT on the path to a more affordable and lower-carbon energy system and ensure the NWT is prepared to mitigate and adapt to the challenges arising from a warming climate. I thank you for your input and interest and please continue to send us your ideas and concepts.

Sincerely,



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- c. Mr. John Vandenberg, Assistant Deputy Minister, Programs and Services, Infrastructure