

Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board



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**Re: Draft Strategic Assessment of Climate Change**

The Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley (Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board, the Sahtu Land and Water Board, and the Gwich'in Land and Water Board) would like to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the review of ECCC's Draft Strategic Assessment of Climate Change (SACC).

We have one comment for your consideration regarding applicability in the Mackenzie Valley. That is, it was inferred that the SACC would not apply to projects screened by the Land and Water Boards (LWBs), however the document does not explicitly state this, and it was not immediately clear if the LWBs (or the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board) might meet the definition of federal lifecycle regulator, as the Boards are governed by federal legislation, despite their regional jurisdiction. Please clarify if and/or how the SACC applies to projects assessed under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

Yours sincerely,

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