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All Parties in WRRB Bathurst Caribou Proceeding

Role of Dr. Anne Gunn in Hearing on Joint Bathurst Caribou Proposal

Some parties raised questions with the Board about the role to be played by Dr. Anne Gunn who has been retained as an independent expert in the captioned proceeding. Dr. Gunn is a recognized expert on barren ground caribou and is the author of a number of reports filed by the NWT Government (ENR) in this proceeding. It is clear that some parties may wish to question or challenge that work along with the position advanced by ENR.

The Board's approach to retaining Dr. Gunn was developed with the goal of ensuring that she could contribute to this proceeding while ensuring that the requirements of fairness were met.

The questions to be addressed by Dr. Gunn's evidence have already been placed on the record for this proceeding. She will file evidence and be at the hearing available for questioning in the same way as any of the interveners. Dr. Gunn will also be able to question ENR, the Tłıchǫ Government or any intervener should she choose to do so.

Dr. Gunn will play no part in the Board's deliberations on the proposal after the hearing is over and the record is closed.

We trust that the Board's approach to this matter is clear.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "J. Grant Pryzyk".

J. Grant Pryzyk
Interim Chair