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Susan Mitchell,
Canadian Arctic Resources Committee,
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Dear Susan:

Thank you for your letter of November 6 regarding Environmental Assessment and things in general.

While responses to provincial proposals and initiatives may on their surface seem somewhat out of the range of concerns of CARC, I think in this instance governments in general need to know and feel the depth of public opposition to inflexible governmental positions re environmental assessment.

Should the Ontario government enact legislation on this matter that, in essence, locks the public out of the process, it will be that much harder to impress upon the federal government acceptance of positions which the Ontario government found it convenient to ignore. By the time it gets to the federal level it may be too late.

The early support and appearance of CARC in the provincial area, through whatever response it might find appropriate, could be invaluable in giving both provincial and federal governments a high public profile in this matter.

The better the legislation at the provincial level, the better the possibilities at the federal level.

Perhaps, in this light, a reconsideration by CARC of our request for a response to the Ontario government may, we hope, still be in the Ontario's procedures may, after all, be applicable at the federal level.

In any event, we shall of course be interested in working with CARC on federal proposals in the future.

Take care.

Yours truly,

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