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LARP Review Panel  
c/o Land Use Secretariat  
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Dear LARP Review Panel:

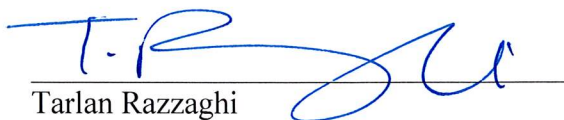
**Re: Review of Lower Athabasca Regional Panel  
Information Request #11 Directed to the Crown**

We write on behalf of Fort McKay First Nation in reply to the Crown's response to Information Request #11.

With respect to the Crown's argument that the information request is beyond the Panel's jurisdiction, we again submit that the Panel has broad jurisdiction to determine whether LARP meets the purposes of the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act*, which includes respecting and not infringing on rights and interests and meeting the reasonable foreseeable needs of current and future needs of Albertans, including aboriginal peoples (ALSA at s.1). Therefore, the Panel's complete and thorough understanding of the implementation of LARP and the content of LARP as it relates to aboriginal peoples is within its jurisdiction.

With respect to the TK Framework being developed for recommendation to the Crown by the Cumulative Effects Management Association (CEMA), Fort McKay agrees with the Crown that a successful TK Framework i.e. approved in its entirety by the Crown, would be a major step toward protecting aboriginal rights and interests, improving environmental outcomes, regulatory certainty and public trust. Therefore, Fort McKay anticipates that there should be little reason for the Crown not to approve the framework in 2015. Fort McKay is however doubtful that this will occur given as an example the Crown's decision not to approve CEMA's Terrestrial Effects Management Framework (2008).

Sincerely,



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