

To the Yukon Legislative Assembly:



This petition of the undersigned shows:

That: The Yukon Government has declared that we are currently in a state of climate emergency and so has committed to reducing Territorial Green House Gas (GHG) emissions by 45 percent over 2010 levels by the year 2030, in order to take responsibility for our part in helping to limit global warming to below 1.5 degrees Celsius; and

That: The Auditor General's 2017 Yukon report stated that: the government's climate action commitments and progress reports were "weak, with many lacking milestones or completion dates," also that the government "did not systematically assess the risks associated with climate change before it defined its commitments"; and

That: The Yukon's 2021 State of the Environment report found that between 2009 and 2019, Greenhouse Gas emissions had increased by 24 per cent; and

That: GHG emissions from the mining sector constitute a significant and varying proportion of the Yukon's emissions which could easily make it impossible for the Yukon to reach its emissions target; and

That: The scope, complexity and urgency of this necessary 45 percent reductions target is unprecedented and affects the future of all Yukon residents, yet still lacking are specific commitments to successfully identify and narrow the knowledge gap regarding all current sources of GHG emissions, in order to enable and prioritize well-informed decision-making;

Therefore, we the undersigned respectfully request that the Yukon Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Yukon to commit to each of the following essential steps:

1. starting immediately the Government will establish a policy to ensure that whenever capital decisions are being considered from across all government sectors and industry for all items worth over five hundred thousand dollars, a complete analysis of multi-phase GHG emissions from all up-front and operational activities expected, will be included. To avoid conflicts of interest and to ensure objectivity and accuracy, all such analyses will be completed by



qualified professionals from private companies independent of government, legislative body, or development proponent;

2. Such complete multi-phase GHG emissions analyses for pre-approved projects will also be completed and made public when associated funds are due to be released;
3. The Yukon Government will set an emissions cap for the mining industries by December 2022 similar to the cap being set by the Federal government on the fossil fuel industries; and
4. Whenever GHG emissions analyses have been completed, the data will be entered into a publicly accessible database for purposes of transparent accountability and for yearly progress reviews.

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