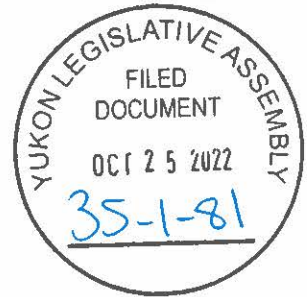




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Dear Kate White:

RE: Section 13 of the Oil and Gas Act

In response to your letter, dated October 8th, 2021, the Kwanlin Dün First Nation supports your approach to introduce a Private Member's Bill, to reinstate Section 13 of the Oil and Gas Act.

Like you, we also believe that the repeal of Section 13 is in direct contradiction with the principle of "free, prior and informed consent" that is central to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP). This principal clearly emphasizes the importance of recognizing and upholding the rights of Indigenous peoples and ensuring that there is effective and meaningful participation of Indigenous peoples in decisions that affect them, their communities and territories.

Furthermore, thank you for tackling the issue of reintroducing the Section 13 clause to address consent for Yukon First Nations without a final agreement to the Oil and Gas Act.

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact my Executive Assistant, Eileen Duchesne, either by email at Eileen.Duchesne@kdfn.net or by phone at (867) 334-7918.

Sincerely,

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