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Good morning Katie

After reviewing the old and new act , I am comfortable with the changes. I don't see the need to present in person. You can share my email to the committee members.

GNWT Economic Standing Committee members

Firstly , I appreciate the opportunity to give my thoughts on the proposed new forestry act.

The biggest changes to the act that I see is more engaging and participation by the indigenous groups which is key to myself. The groups need to be able to understanding the scope of the sustainable harvest needed to make biomass operations possible. In my history , at times the indigenous groups have been misinformed or directed by consultants that may themselves have not understood the northern forestry.

I have been committed to our project in Enterprise for close to 10 years. Our biomass operations at the site have been delayed due to one of our harvesting area's indigenous groups as they are working to find a way to work together to move forward.

I have been able to move forward with other operations for the site such as logistical rail siding and aggregate production operations. This summer , we will commence our agricultural operations and continue to work with options for creation of renewable energy.

Our logistical site consists of one of the largest rail sidings north of Peace River and providing new logistical options for Northern mines and operations. Over the last few years , we have generated close to 1000 tons of greenhouse emission savings with moving commodities from the road to rail. Every year, we add additional commodities to using rail. Creating logistical cost savings will give northern operations additional life and also give up and coming operations to be feasible. Our site developments for day one have been to be able to tie many other operations to create a massive economic engine for the north. Many smaller business opportunities will be created by the ripple effect of the site.

Our entire development is well over 30 million dollars of investment and proud to say without any federal or GNWT financial assistance. I welcome you all to come for a visit at the site to understand the size of the project and what it will bring to the north.

Thanks
Brad