



## ***Environmental Rights Act***

### **Annual Report**

**2020-2021**

The *Environmental Rights Act* recognizes the right to protect the integrity, biological diversity and productivity of the ecosystems in the NWT, and to provide NWT residents with the tools and processes needed to ensure these rights are protected by the GNWT.

Section 19 requires the Minister to table a report to the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible after the end of each year, describing:

- all applications for investigations made under section 8;
- all prosecutions commenced under subsection 12 (1);
- all actions commenced under subsection 13 (1);
- the disposition of any money received under subparagraph 13 (5)(c)(ii); and
- all convictions for offences under subsection 15 (1).

In the 2020-2021 fiscal year, one application for an investigation under section 8 of the Act was received. The request is related to dust from a tailings pond at the former Ptarmigan Mine Site on the Ingraham Trail, in Yellowknife. This is currently an active investigation.

No prosecutions, or actions as detailed in the *Environmental Rights Act* were undertaken.

Therefore, there was no deposition of money or convictions for offences.