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Subject: Electronic ESPI Questionnaire

1. What do you believe are the important issues and opportunities that may influence the East Side Planning Area's ability to improve future community economic conditions and quality of life for people?

Response: First Nations control over natural resources

2. What do you feel are the key issues and opportunities that need to be addressed to preserve the future environmental health of the East Side Planning Area?

Response: the key issue is who will control the use of natural resources in the area. i think that local control of "development" will be far better for the area in terms of the environment than corporate managed resource extraction.

3. How do you think the future development and use of the East Side Planning Area's resources should be planned and managed?

Response: I think that First Nations' traditional territories should be managed primarily by First Nations themselves. At present, management of land beyond reserves is based on First Nations' input only minimally-I think this should be radically changed.

4. Are there other issues that need to be identified for further discussion?

Response:

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To: East Side Planning Initiative Secretariat

We have provided here a set of recommendations specific to the East Side Planning Initiative - and would ask that these be part of the interim report under preparation. These recommendations follow the joint environmental non-government organization recommendations from 2000 regarding the ESPI. They are provided in good faith and are consistent with the goals, mandate, and objectives of the ESPI. Our organizations have participated in a variety of ways over the last 2.5 years of the ESPI meetings.

Also we would appreciate hearing from staff whether they will circulate this document to all participants. A call to Gaile Whelan Enns at 947-3400 Monday morning July 26, 2004 would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

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