

Written Submission

on the 2025 Electoral Boundaries Commission Interim Report

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Submission/Message

Regarding proposed options for changes to NWT electoral boundaries:

I strongly disagree with any option that would remove the Ingraham Trail area from the Yellowknife North electoral district. The reasons for my view include the following:

- Residents and recreational users of the Ingraham Trail area are geographically, functionally and economically linked to Yellowknife. Most work, shop, and use recreational and other facilities and services provided in the city. As a result, many of their issues, priorities and requests are similar to those of residents of the city, especially the Old Town area.
- Residential "subdivisions" and individual homes and cabins in the Ingraham Trail area form a diverse, unincorporated, loose association of people with no local government to represent them or address their needs. They are primarily dependent on Yellowknife, and are best represented by a Yellowknife-based MLA.
- Ingraham Trail issues are often different from priorities of Ndilo, Dettah, Lutsel K'e and Fort Resolution, and therefore it would be very difficult for one MLA to capably represent residents of the communities plus the Ingraham Trail area.
- Combining the Ingraham Trail in the same district as the Indigenous communities would not facilitate representation for any of these groups of people, and would complicate and perhaps dilute attention to Indigenous community's needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and all the best with your work.