



Cabinet Submission – Request for Decision

Minister: Honourable Bruce Ralston

Ministry: Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Date: 01/28/2020

Ministry Document #: 14-19/20

Title: Request for a Temporary Order Under Section 7 of the *Environment and Land Use Act* to Prohibit Placer Jade Decisions in Northern BC

Issue:

s.12; s.13

Recommendation:

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Implications and Considerations:

- Jade in BC can be mined by hard rock mining, which has impacts similar to other mineral exploration, or by placer mining, which has significantly greater environmental impacts, particularly in sensitive northern ecosystems that require long periods of time to recover from disturbance.

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Background / Context:

Jade Mining in BC

Jade is British Columbia's provincial gemstone and has both a healthy domestic and international market. Nephrite Jade is an important stone used traditionally by Indigenous communities in the northwest and is traded widely throughout the Province. It is also highly valued by the Chinese community.



Jade is mined primarily in the remote Turnagain region of Northwest BC, about 60km east of Dease Lake, and the Cassiar/Jade City area, about 100km north of Dease Lake.

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Business and Economic Implications:

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Fiscal Impacts:

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Legal Advice:

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Policy:

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Legislation:

No new legislation is required.

Indigenous Peoples:

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Confidence and Supply Agreement:

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Public, Stakeholder & Other Consultation:

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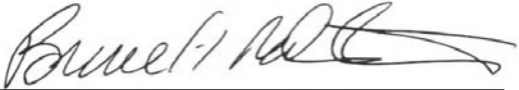
Communications & Public Engagement:

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Appendices:

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Prepared for: Environment and Land Use Committee

Date: March 30, 2020

Prepared by: Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources



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