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Dear TIANS Members:

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A Phase 2 Report to guide the development of a new strategy for our Natural Resources was released on May 7th. This report has generated recent controversy as the three-person expert panel for forests was divided and submitted two separate reports on forestry management in Nova Scotia.

TIANS supports a new path for sustainable forestry in Nova Scotia. The tourism industry in Nova Scotia generates \$1.8 billion in revenues, provides nearly 40,000 jobs, and contributes \$225 million in federal, provincial and municipal taxes.



The protection of our natural resources is crucial for tourism to continue as a long-term sustainable industry. If you agree, please support your government in making positive change now. This is the first time that a comprehensive forest strategy review has been done in Nova Scotia since the early 1980's. We may not see another opportunity like this for many years to come.



Please contact the Minister John MacDonnell, Natural Resources (min_dnr@gov.ns.ca) and Minister Percy Paris, Tourism, Culture and Heritage (mintour@gov.ns.ca) to voice your opinion, as soon as possible, before the strategy is completed.



For further information and recent media coverage please visit:

www.gov.ns.ca/natr/strategy2010/phase2report.asp

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/nova-scotia/story/2010/07/15/ns-forestry-practices.html#socialcomments>

Please send your letter today (sample attached) to ensure that tourism is considered a part of this crucial decision regarding our natural heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Bartlett".

Danny Bartlett
Chair, TIANS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darlene Grant Fiander".

Darlene Grant Fiander
President, TIANS