

July 20, 2010

The Honourable John MacDonnell
Minister of Natural Resources
3rd Floor, Founders Square
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Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2T9

Dear Minister MacDonnell:

As a tourism operator and member of the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia (TIANS), I support the Crossland/Bancroft recommendations in *The Natural Resources Strategy, Phase 2*, released on May 7, 2010, to provide a framework for progressive forestry reform.

The tourism industry in Nova Scotia generates \$1.8 billion in revenues, provides nearly 40,000 jobs, and contributes over \$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.

Nova Scotia's tourism industry is linked to our natural environment. As a representative of the tourism industry, I am deeply concerned that we are sacrificing our natural heritage which is the core of our ability to be sustainable.

I urge you to ensure the Crossland/Bancroft recommendations are implemented into the final Natural Resources Strategy for Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

(insert your signature)

cc: Minister Percy Paris
Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage