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It is critical that the NIRB apply a precautionary approach and not allow this project to conduct mineral exploration activities on the core calving and post-calving areas of the Qamanirjuaq caribou herd.

- the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects;
- the reason it is likely to cause adverse socio-economic effects is because the Qamanuriaq Caribou herd requires protection from industrial activity causing noise, and traffic during caving. Also the calving and post-calving grounds require habitat protection from industrial activities at all times of the year. Exploration may lead to industrial development which will cause very serious herd decline.
- Lutsel K'e's herds previously available to harvest included the Bathurst (now too declined to harvest), the Beverly (changed their migration and is now too far to harvest) and the Qamanuriaq herd (the only herd left for Lutsel K'e to harvest).

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