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Ms. Lannie Keller
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Dear Ms. Keller:

Thank you for your email message of February 21, concerning the proposed Bute Inlet Hydroelectric project (the Project).

As Bute Hydro Inc. (the proponent) does not currently intend to move forward with the Project through the environmental assessment process, I disbanded the review panel (the Panel) on March 18. The Panel members are therefore released from their obligations under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

The environmental assessment of the Project is not, however, being terminated. Should the proponent decide at a later date to proceed with the Project, I will appoint a new Panel to conduct the review.

Please note that my decision is available to the public through the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's public registry Web site at <http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/details-eng.cfm?evaluation=44825>.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Peter Kent, P.C., M.P.

