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Huu-ay-aht First Nations Tribunal
Government Office
170 Nookemus Road
Anacla, BC

Attention: Tribunal Panel

Dear Panel Members:

Re: Tribunal Directive #2014-5

I apologize for not following up on this matter sooner, but was in Ontario on very time consuming work travel until Monday night. My client and I are extremely concerned about the decision on to assign Huu-ay-aht First Nations' application to a single Tribunal member, for three reasons.

First, this decision has the potential to be very prejudicial to Ms. Kruse, and thus is of the utmost importance to her, and deserves a hearing by the three Tribunal Members who heard her Applications.

Second, we believe it is important for the Tribunal's decision to include the views of Tribunal Chair Rich, the Panel member who granted Ms. Kruse legal representation funding and effectively allowed Ms. Kruse's Applications to proceed all the way to hearing.

Third, Ms. Kruse's response argument relies in part on caselaw. It would therefore be far preferable for one of the decision-makers to have legal training, in order to ensure that the significance of these cases can be fully taken into account.

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To be clear, we fully support Tribunal Member Wylie partaking in the decision. We are simply asking that all three Tribunal members take responsibility for hearing the HUU-ay-aht First Nations' application.

Yours truly,
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Nouvet', is written over the printed name.

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