

SUBMISSION #3

- 3) **Submitted by:** Jack Bowers, Mayor of Faro
Date Submitted: July 21, 2017
Electoral District: Pelly-Nisutlin

Submission:

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July 17, 2017

Mr. Justice Ron Veale, Chair
Yukon Electoral District Boundaries Commission
Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

RE: Pelly Nisutlin Riding Boundaries

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c.c. RRDC, TTC, VoT, MLA Stacy Hassard