

## **Appendix D: Comments from First Nations on the Niska Land Holdings 2023 Draft Management Plan**

A copy of the draft management plan was circulated to representatives from Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Additional comments may be received prior to finalization of the Management Plan.

### **Copies of Comments Received from First Nations**

Comment from Lands and Resources Department of the Six Nations Council  
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Thank you for reaching out about this.

Of the three recommendations, we're most concerned with #3.

We believe any discussion about disposing a portion of the GRCA's Niska Land Holdings is premature as there's insufficient information contained within the draft management plan to contemplate such a disposal. The report centres on a broad characterization of the vast lands which make up the Holdings and is too high level to provide insight into such a decision. The plan does not contemplate development impacts on the agricultural land in question, nor on the remaining property.

The plan also notes additional lands within the Holdings which may be disposed of in the future. While we regret to hear more land from the Holdings may be subject to development, this should be studied all at once in a holistic fashion.

We're less worried about #1, which anticipates lower-level development activities like trails and related infrastructure. But taken as a whole, we're concerned that 2/3rds of the plan's recommendations favour activities which will eliminate or degrade the natural environment.