

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
7<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL, 53<sup>RD</sup> SESSION

TABLED DOCUMENT NO. 21-53

TABLED ON JUNE 25, 1974

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Development and Ecology has examined and considered Tabled Document 5-53 "A Proposal for Ecological Sites in the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee fully recognizes that some areas of the Canadian North contain rare plants and animals or combinations of species found nowhere else in the world;

AND WHEREAS many of these ecological sites may also have geological or historical values;

AND WHEREAS ecological sites could, under controlled

- conditions:
- 1) Serve as laboratories for research on northern ecosystems or on areas disturbed during development
  - 2) offer man a unique opportunity to explore the many still unsolved mysteries of evolution and adaptation;  
and
  - 3) shield the traditional uses and values of native people in certain sites from the rapid changes now being experienced in the north;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Development and Ecology supports the establishment of Ecological Sites as presented by the International Biological Program.

NOW THEREFORE, I move that: a) the Council of the Northwest Territories approve in principle the concept of establishing Ecological Sites as presented in Tabled Document 5-53;

b) the Administration investigate methods by which Territorial Legislation can assist in protecting Ecological Sites on both land and water in the Northwest Territories.