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Premier Kathy Dunderdale  
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Dear Mrs. Dunderdale,

Many years have passed since the white settlers eradicated and stole the land from the First Nations Beothuk people. We have a lot to be ashamed of here considering the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century descendants could have learned a great deal from the Beothuk. All our forefathers had to do is give the Beothuk a decent chance; no race deserved such a fate as extinction.

The truth is, Mrs Dunderdale, Newfoundland's remote wilderness areas like Clifty Pond are being destroyed by remote cabin development, car wrecks and indiscriminate dumping. These areas, the burial places of the extinct Beothuk race, are being destroyed along with it. We should show some respect for the resting place of the First Nations Beothuk culture in all of Newfoundland's remote wilderness areas. How much more environmental abuse can this province endure considering our past history? We wiped out the Beothuk and now we are well on our way to wiping out their final burial grounds. What a joke! You wouldn't want 21<sup>st</sup> century people dumping their garbage and building shacks in your grandmother's graveyard, why allow it in the Beothuks? Are they less worthy of respect than the denominational churches final resting place?

The Ancient First Nations people had a connection to the land that few people of this modern age can comprehend. It is obvious when I write about the environmental abuse in my area and home town, that a little Ancient First Nations influence wouldn't hurt in this century. As the world population continues to explode, we should look at First Nations ideologies in a more positive way and consider them in implementing environmental change - It can't get any worst.

Rescind remote cabin development in Clifty Pond and other remote wilderness areas and let the First Nations Beothuk people rest in peace. Doesn't all of humanity want that for their loved ones? Remember, limited access to our remote wilderness areas is the key Mrs. Dunderdale. Let the extinct Beothuk people rest in peace. Have respect for the dead and keep the butchers out of the woods.

Yours in Conservation Tony O'Leary

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