

Response from Minister Herron. Jul. 2, 2026

Our government is committed to a responsible and balanced approach to resource development. New Brunswick's natural resources are an important part of our economy and our future, but development must occur in a way that protects the environment and maintains public confidence.

That commitment is reflected in our Comprehensive Mineral Strategy, which is focused on creating a modern, sustainable, and responsible mining sector for New Brunswick. The strategy recognizes the growing global demand for critical minerals while placing strong emphasis on environmental stewardship, Indigenous and community engagement, scientific oversight, and transparent regulatory processes.

We believe New Brunswick has an opportunity to play a significant role in supplying the world with minerals needed for clean energy technologies and economic growth. However, any project moving forward in this province must meet rigorous environmental standards and demonstrate that it can operate safely and responsibly.

Our government will continue to work closely with communities, Indigenous partners, environmental experts, and industry stakeholders to ensure that decisions are guided by sound science, accountability, and the long-term interests of New Brunswickers.

New Brunswickers expect their government to protect our environment and that is exactly the approach we are taking. By ensuring that any resource development in this province is held to the highest standards of safety, environmental responsibility, and accountability, we can build a stronger and more sustainable future for all New Brunswickers.