

News Release

Minister responds to NTI

IQALUIT, Nunavut (**April 10, 2002**) – Public Works and Services Minister Peter Kattuk today issued the following statement in response to an earlier news release from Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) regarding the government's extension of Section 20 of the Nunnavummi Nangminiqaqtunik Ikajuuti (NNI):

"The NNI Policy is part of the important relationship between the government and NTI.

"It should not be surprising, in a relationship like this, that there will occasionally be disagreement. The government's decision to extend the period for NNI eligibility for some businesses is one of those occasions. It is unfortunate when a disagreement like this occurs.

"The relationship between the government and NTI is solid and we are committed to continue working with NTI on issues important to Nunavummiut."

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