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Mr. Paul Renaud  
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Dear Mr. Renaud:

Thank you for your further email regarding the South March Highlands. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I can assure you that the Ministry of Tourism and Culture is committed to working with our First Nations partners on decisions that affect Aboriginal heritage. There are plans to proceed with the release of updated Standards and Guidelines of Consultant Archaeologists, which will establish a minimum requirement for archaeologists to engage with Aboriginal communities, where no such requirement currently exists.

I have asked Mr. Peter Armstrong, Director of Programs and Services with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, to provide you with additional information on the specific issues you have raised.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Chan'.

Michael Chan  
Minister

- c: The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario  
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