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Premier questions other parties taking Peel stand

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Pasloski told the Star in an interview Friday morning that the government needs to "follow the process" written in a joint letter of understanding (LUI) between the government and four affected First Nations.

The LUI states the government must make a decision on the Peel's Final Recommended Plan by November, or sooner, if possible.

"If somebody's saying, 'Will the Yukon Party support the commission's plan, yes or no,' no, there won't be an answer to that," said Pasloski.

He was responding to a question on whether his party would come up with a position on the Peel before the election.

“Should there be protection in the Peel? Absolutely. I think that that goes without saying.” said Pasloski.

But, he explained, if he came out today with a yes or no answer, that would undermine the process.

The premier said Yukoners should question whether other parties are showing “solid leadership” if they’ve already made a decision before the process is finished.

The Liberal party, the NDP and the four affected First Nations have said they support the Peel’s final plan, which recommends, as it did in its previous report, that 80 per cent of the watershed be protected.