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I cannot entirely agree with Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, inadequacies of the federal land claim policies” due to several reasons. The policies are suitable as they adhere to the constitution. Notably, the policies are based on section 35 of the Aboriginal rights meaning they are not adequate but also legal. The policies are also right as negotiations are involved. For that reason, if people are allowed to raise their ideas and opinions, the chances of making the right choices are high. More so, it is a sign of democracy that governs the nation. According to the law, one does not own land by word of mouth; instead, legal materials must be provided for proving. The government's action to have conversations with different parties is, therefore, helpful where policies are outlined to help solve the issue in the nation.

In my opinion, the term land claim is appropriate and should be used. People own lands by inheritance or by buying where a proof must be provided. One must have the legal right to own the land, so they are allowed to use it. Without the law, conflicts would be rampant as the rich and powerful would grab from low-income people. With the word land claim, people are forced to show evidence they own the land; otherwise, it would be claimed by someone else. Hence, I do not find better words that would acknowledge different worldviews and perspectives. However, different regions have varying ways of solving issues, but the most reliable method is following the law (Samson, 2016).

It guarantees justice to all the parties involved, thus restoring peace. Notably, the term land claim is applied where differences between two or more parties develop regarding ownership. On the other hand, lands are precious that anyone wants to have as many as they would get. The demand and reduced supply make it right to use the term land claims, so the legal aspect is applied to prevent discrimination and injustice in making the needed decisions.

I feel if another word is introduced, the law would not be exercised, leading to more mistakes as some populations would take advantage of others.

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