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Subject: Raven Coal Mine project

To Whom It May Concern:

Attention: BC Environment Minister Barry Penner

Environment Canada Minister Jim Prentice

I am writing in support of the Comox Valley Chapter of the Council of Canadians, with their concerns against the Raven Coal Mine proposal.

They believe it would be extremely harmful to their water, air quality, marine industry, the roads and health of our population for years to come. They are suggesting the following three points:

1. That federal Environment Minister Jim Prentice refer the environmental assessment of Compliance Coal Corporation's proposed Raven Underground Coal Project to a joint federal/provincial independent expert review panel for full public hearings;
2. That provincial environment Minister Barry Penner ensure that the environmental assessment of the project is carried out by the same joint federal-provincial independent expert review panel conducting full public hearings; and
3. That before any further consideration is given to the proposed project, comprehensive aquifer mapping and modelling of the entire Raven coal tenure be completed — and fully publicly vetted.

The 3,100-hectare Raven tenure includes all or significant portions of the watersheds of Cowie/Cougar Smith Creek, Tsable River, Wilfred (Coal) Creek, and Hindoo Creek, which flow into Baynes Sound.

It is essential that the hydrology and dynamics of these surface water systems and their interactions with groundwater be understood.

They are fully supporting the research and submissions made by the CoalWatch Comox Valley group.

Respectfully,

A. J. Murch, Member of Georgia Street Alliance, Nanaimo, B. C.