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We request that:

Minister 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 (CEAR reference number 10-03-55529).

Minister 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

before any further consideration is given to the proposed project, comprehensive aquifer mapping and modeling of the entire Raven coal tenure be completed – and fully publicly vetted. The 3100 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.

The people of Port Alberni have many concerns about the use of our town as a coal port. Among them are: pollution of the estuary by coal dust, pollution of the harbour by diesel, noise and light from the Panamax freighters and accidents on the highway. We want these concerns addressed by the Review Panel.

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