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Dear John Tapics, President:

Thank you very much for your invitation to become a member of the Raven Underground Coal Project Community Advisory Group. We wish to clarify that we participated in the invitational meetings of September 29th and October 16<sup>th</sup> to educate ourselves about your mine, and we do not consider that we were participating in a public community advisory process for your mine during those meetings.

We would be pleased to participate in the proposed Raven Underground Coal Project Community Advisory Group but we would only be able to participate under the following conditions:

- 1) Our participation is an opportunity to gather information to further educate ourselves and the public about the real issues and finer details of the coal mining project. We must be able to share all information with the public as we become aware of it.
- 2) We do not accept at this point in time, or as a condition of participating in the committee, that it is our role to be a part of the regulatory or approval process for the project, since we cannot justify the project, and its potential impact on water, at this time. We could not accept having the impression given, as has already been done with the first invitational information meetings, that we were consenting to participate in the actualization of this project.
- 3) With regard to non-consensus positions being reported, we would insist that the reporting of any such non-consensus positions be reported in language vetted and agreed to by the non-consenting party and that the party would be reported as either an individual or the organization, depending on circumstance.
- 4) With regard to point 10.1 which reads as follows: "CAG members recognize the need to work through substantive issues within the group operating structure and the planning process. CAG members will make it clear when they or the entities they represent have plans or decide to address issues outside of the group either in the media, with regulatory authorities or other levels of government. "

Comox Valley Water Watch Coalition will not at any time have our voice constricted or restricted in the community, with government, or with media, as a condition of attending these meetings. Nor would we feel any obligation to inform a merely advisory committee of our actions.

If you are able to put these conditions on the record as a prerequisite for our participation, we could consider your invitation.

Thank you,

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