



### Partner Organizations

Comox Valley Land Trust  
Project Watershed Society  
Tsolum River Restoration Society  
Millard-Piercy Stewards  
C.V. Water Watch Coalition  
Morrison Creek Stream Keepers  
C.V. Environmental Council  
Brooklyn Creek Streamkeepers

### Supporter Organizations

Portuguese Ck Watershed Stewards  
Oyster River Management Committee  
Black Creek Stream Keepers  
Saratoga and Miracle Beach  
Residents Association

### Government Partners

Comox Valley Regional District  
City of Courtenay  
Town of Comox  
Village of Cumberland

### Funding Partners

Real Estate Foundation of B.C.  
Ducks Unlimited B.C.  
C.V. Community Foundation  
RBC Blue Water Fund  
Comox Valley Regional District  
Vancouver Foundation

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To: Andre Rollo,  
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Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Date: August 26, 2010

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Re: Environmental Assessment for the Raven Underground Coal Project.

Dear Andrew Rollo:

The Comox Valley Conservation Strategy is a community partnership of 13 local environmental and resident groups focused on conservation of land and water resources of the valley. At our August Steering Committee meeting representatives of our member organizations discussed their concerns regarding the Raven Coal Project and the need for a thorough and publicly transparent environmental review process.

Our steering committee agreed that in the interest of the environment and the public that a full environmental review process occurs that include public hearings in the communities affected by this project. Further, that Federal Environment Jim Prentice refer the assessment to a joint Federal and Provincial review panel process.

This coal project will have many environmental and economic impacts including:

- Toxic contamination of surface water, aquifers and Baynes Sound
- Destruction and disturbance of existing wildlife habitat and corridors
- Potential negative impacts on the local sustainable shellfish industry
- Economic and social impacts on tourism, real estate and other sectors
- Increased CO2 emissions contributing to climate change

The assessment process must include extensive aquifer mapping, so that adequate information is available to properly assess the impacts of the project.

We also request that letters to CEA office regarding this project be posted to your website.

Regards,

David Stapley,  
Project Manager

On behalf of the Comox Valley Conservation Strategy Steering Committee