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This letter expresses the opinions of twenty active members of our Council of Canadians Campbell River Chapter opposing the proposed Raven Coal Mine near Fanny Bay.

We are opposed to the government approving the proposed Raven Coal Mine for the following reasons:

1. The probability that there will be pollution (in the form of sulphates, arsenic and other metals) emanating from the Raven Coal Mine which would endanger shellfish, fish and drinking water in the Baynes Sound area.
 2. The Raven Coal Mine would result in a great increase of traffic on the Alberni highway - caused by the transportation of coal in trucks from the mine to Port Alberni for export. The resultant increased pollution of the air, wear and tear on the highway and potential for accidents along this mountain highway is unacceptable.
 3. Coal itself is a fossil fuel discharging huge amounts of carbon into the earth's atmosphere when it is burned. Due to the myriad of environmental and economic problems resulting from climate change, coal mining and export should be curtailed rather than increased as we begin to use less polluting and dangerous resources to produce energy.
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