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Andrew Rollo, Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Rollo:

RE: CEAR#10-03-055529

Denman Opposes Coal (DOC) requests that:

1. The Raven Underground Coal Mine Project be referred to a joint federal/provincial independent expert Review Panel for full public hearings on the grounds that project will have significant adverse environmental impacts and that there is considerable public interest and concern about the project as evidenced by the hundreds of letters to the CEEA process, local and regional government response and wide-spread media coverage.
2. The aquatic study area for this project should include all areas (freshwater and marine) that may be affected by the proposed project. At a minimum, the area should include the four watersheds encompassed within the 3100 hectare Raven Coal tenure and the receiving waters of Baynes Sound.
3. Before further consideration of this project, a map and model of water quality, quantity and dynamics should be developed for the linked surface and groundwater systems of the aquatic study area. The model should be based on a comprehensive conceptual model and extensive field monitoring of surface and groundwater. Should the project proceed, the monitoring should continue for the life of the project and in perpetuity following abandonment.
4. The assessment of climate impacts should include analysis of greenhouse gas emissions both within Canada (extraction, processing, transportation of coal) and at the destination of the final product (emissions resulting from combustion of the coal).

Denman Opposes Coal, formed in March 2010, is a citizens' initiative. Denman Island is the largest population centre in proximity to the proposed mine site.

Sincerely,
Patti Willis for Coordinating Committee
Denman Opposes Coal