



## Friends of Clayoquot Sound

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Raven Underground Coal Mine Project  
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Via email: [Raven@ceaa-acee.gc.ca](mailto:Raven@ceaa-acee.gc.ca)

Dear Mr Rollo,

**Re: Proposed Raven Underground Coal Project on Vancouver Island by Compliance Coal Corp (CEAR reference number 10-03-55529)**

Friends of Clayoquot Sound are concerned about the negative environmental impacts of Compliance Coal Corporation's proposed Raven coal mine.

We therefore request the following:

1. Please refer the environmental assessment of the proposed Raven coal mine to a joint federal/provincial independent expert Review Panel for full public hearings.
2. The environmental assessment of the project must be carried out by the same joint federal/provincial Review Panel conducting full public hearings.
3. Aquifer mapping and modeling of the entire Raven coal tenure must be completed and fully publicly reviewed before the project is considered any further.

The above represent our minimum requests. Actually, why is a project as regressive and environmentally damaging as this coal mine even being considered?

There are many reasons why the Raven coal mine should not be allowed including destruction of creeks containing cut-throat trout; risk of contaminating nearby streams and Baynes Sound, a prime oyster and clam aquaculture area, with acid mine drainage and heavy metals; release of toxic coal dust during mining, storing, loading and transporting coal; and emission of greenhouse gases that cause climate change.

Thank you for acting on our requests. We look forward to a reply in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Mychajlowycz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Maryjka Mychajlowycz  
for Friends of Clayoquot Sound