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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am a 3rd generation oyster farmer in Fanny Bay my grandfather started the buisness in 1947 at this time we have 60 direct employees and roughly 200 wild clam diggers from around the coast as well as buying from 30 other farmers with leases of there own,we have some real concerns regarding the Raven Coal project.

#1 Runoff: The new highway when it was built created a lot of uncovered ground wich in turn created more runoff we had several closures due to elevated fecals in the Baynes Sound finally we found out we could correlate this with rainfall so we have a system now that when Comox Airbase gets more than 35 mm of rain from Fanny Bay north is closed until we get clean samples Fanny Bay South closes on a Mud Bay sample staton when it gets more than 40 mm of rain also to be reopend with clean water and meat samples as the highway has settled into regrowth of the brush all around the highway the sound is slowly recovering meaning less downtime for all seafood farmers in the Sound. The reason I talk about that is Raven is clearing @200 hectares and I believe that will bring more runoff meaning more closures.

#2 Noise: At this time we have to carefull about running a 3,000 watt generater on the beach without gettin a complaint from a upland owner and if Raven goes in they will make far more noise than that. Every May 24th I camp at Gooseneck Lake wich is reasonably close to Quinsam Mines and you can hear it humming away all day and night long and that is coming through the forest uphill several miles away, I Believe Raven will be worse as it will have the hill behind it to echo out onto the Sound

#3 Cyanide: The Natives lease close to the coal slag pit in Union Bay has had some discusion regarding closure due to cyanide levels but I don't believe they have a level set for closure and that will come.

#4 Aquafir: As the coal mine works there way through the ground to the mine shaft the will disrupt the flow of water as they collapse the ground behind them that will disturb more of the aquafirs of wich many of them empty onto the beaches at low tide you can see the water coming out of the ground.

#5 Time: Heals all so lets say these guys screw thing up for us Oyster Farmers there only here for 20 years with a paltry 200 jobs we only have to wait 50 years? and we can start farming again.

#6 Dirt and dust: Oh they say there will be no dust no dirt my grandfather mined in Cumberland it was a dirty place and he was lined with coal dust,As I was comig from camping by the Quinsam Coal mine I started watching the trucks go by on the highway as we were driving you

could see piles of coal on most trucks wheel fenders and I could only see the one side of the trucks.

If this coal is so good right now what will it be like a 100 years from now or 500 years from now when technology has advanced to the stage that we can do this then and create less damage and save something for the future unless you thoughts are that we will not need this coal at that time and you need to get rid of it now. If during the assesment some of your people would like to come by for a tour around we would be happy to accomadate you.

Thankyou Gordon McLellan Jr.

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