

To whom it may concern,

This project should not be allowed to proceed.

There are far more environmentally sound means of producing energy than coal, which contributes to global warming and is probably the dirtiest means of producing energy. Effects on the environment and the health of people and other animals will be negative, as history has shown for over 100 years on Vancouver Island.

Bonding to eliminate the negative effects of the proposed Raven mine are way beyond anything economically possible. Coal is no longer a profitable enterprise, if it ever was. Effects on the estuaries alone are beyond the capacity of the company to repair.

If the Raven people wish to produce energy, they could adopt solar, tidal, geothermal, wind and other means of renewable energy. The old methods of energy production are no longer viable and will only lead to economic depression and environmental degradation.

The Nanaimo Green Party is totally opposed to this project, and members have expressed a willingness to use any means, including civil disobedience, to stop it.

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