

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Comox Valley Green Party of BC Constituency Association I am writing to register our opposition to the Raven Underground Coal project.

We are deeply concerned about the negative long lasting effects this coal mine will bring to the Comox Valley and beyond. Despite the obligatory assurances of well-being from the proponents of this project, we believe that this project will be devastating to the local shellfish industry, air quality, aquifers and water supply, wildlife of land, air and sea, the local tourism industry and the quality of life of local residents.

We are also greatly concerned about the greenhouse gas emissions that will be produced in the eventual use of this coal. It would be short-sighted to only consider the effects of this project within a small geographic area. We believe, as citizens and stewards of our piece of this planet, that actions taken in one area have rippling effects felt far and wide. Projects of this type can no longer be assessed in isolation from their impacts on the local environment as well as the entire planet.

For these and many other reasons we ask:

- that the process stop now – there is no need to waste valuable time and money when there is clearly very little support in the Comox Valley for this project

If the process must continue then we demand:

- a joint federal/provincial independent expert Panel Review with full public hearings so that the public can hear for themselves the opinions of experts
- a comprehensive aquifer mapping and modelling of the full Raven tenure including interaction between ground and surface waters and their relationship to Baynes Sound
- inclusion of the Bear Project within the list of future activities whose materials in the watersheds flowing into Baynes Sound must be assessed.

The entire process for dealing with projects of this type is deeply flawed and gives the local citizens no power to protect the social, economic, and environmental quality of their region.

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