

**From:** Greg Knowles <contact information withheld>  
**Sent:** August 27, 2010 11:56 AM  
**To:** 'Raven@ceaa-acee.gc.ca'  
**Subject:** CEAR reference number: 10-03-55529 - Raven Coal Mine

Please do not cave in to pressure from political or business interests, but give this project the fullest possible review. There is just too much at stake. A full joint federal & provincial panel of independent experts must be assigned to the review this project under full public scrutiny, with public meetings and ample opportunity for public input.

There must more detailed and expansive study of the effects of this proposal on the water systems of all areas surrounding the mine site. The effects of acid and metal leachates from mine tailings and water used to clean the coal must be examined in great detail. The potential risks to the Baynes Sound shellfish industry demand this diligence.

Finally, the federal and provincial governments must provide the Canadian public with irrefutable evidence of how this project is in alignment with Canada's policies and goals to reduce world-wide greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you in advance for your diligence, honesty and integrity.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Greg Knowles <contact information withheld>  
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**To:** 'rachel.shaw@gov.bc.ca'; 'dan.motisca@gov.bc.ca'  
**Subject:** Raven Coal Mine - CEAR reference number: 10-03-55529

Rachel & Dan – please resist any and all political or business pressures and do everything you can to ensure that the Raven Coal Mine project is given a full public review by a joint federal and provincial panel of independent experts with public meetings and ample opportunity for public review and input.

There is just too much at stake, the environment of our lovely Comox Valley is fragile and needs diligent protection, and the potential for damage from this proposed coal mine far too great.

Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Greg Knowles <contact information withheld>  
**Sent:** August 27, 2010 1:10 PM  
**To:** 'pm@pm.gc.ca'  
**Subject:** Proposed Raven Coal Mine, Buckley Bay, BC

Mr. Prime Minister,

Hopefully you are already aware of the intense public interest in the environmental assessment process currently initiated for the Raven Coal Mine on the east coast of Vancouver Island near Courtenay, BC, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency reference # 10-03-55529.

As a resident of the Comox Valley, I am gravely concerned that this project not be railroaded through the environmental review process, but be given a full public review by a joint federal and provincial panel of independent experts with an ample period for public review and input. There is just too much at stake, too many stakeholders, and too great a potential for the Comox Valley to squander it all for 44 million tonnes of coal.

The time required for a full independent review can also be used to clearly explain how this project aligns with the Canadian federal government's plans and goals for world-wide greenhouse gas emission reductions, something that to me currently seems completely in conflict and a total contradiction.

Please exert all possible effort and influence to do the right thing, a full review. All Canadians and especially residents of the Comox Valley deserve transparency and full public process, not shortcutting of due process by business interests.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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