

## **Heron Rocks Friendship Centre Society - Hornby Island, British Columbia**

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Dear Ms. Shaw and Mr. Rollo,

First and foremost Heron Rocks Friendship Centre Society demands that the Raven Coal Mine Project be subjected to a joint federal/provincial independent expert Review Panel with full public hearings.

The potential impact, from the proposed Raven Coal Mine Project, on the air quality in this area is our greatest concern. In recent years the strength and frequency of both North and North Westerly winds has increased. The potential for fine coal dust to reach Hornby Island is great. As water becomes an enormous issue for all of us, particularly for Island residents, it is essential that households can rely on their rainwater catchment systems. There are already many residents on Hornby Island collecting rainwater for all their household uses. There has been no consideration given to the effects of air pollution on either well water or those of us with rainwater catchment systems.

The potential impact, from the proposed Raven Coal Mine Project, on the ocean is vast. We insist that a more detailed, in depth, expanded study of all the living creatures in the ocean be conducted.

The potential impact, from the proposed Raven Coal Mine Project, on Cathedral Grove will be disastrous. This old growth grove is an important tourist destination where the road is narrow and already somewhat hazardous for people and cars. Add to this 140 B-line trucks a day and there is a guaranteed recipe for disaster. The AMEC representative says there will be no impact on green house gases for the life of the mine. According to the climate change experts we are already out of time.

Heron Rocks Friendship Centre Society insists that The Raven Coal Mine Project must not proceed without a joint federal/provincial independent expert Review Panel with full public hearings.