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Further to our letter dated July 22, 2010 Comox Valley Project Watershed Society believes that a Joint Federal/Provincial Independent Expert Review Panel with full public hearings is required to assess Compliance Coal Corporation's proposed Raven Underground Coal Project (**CEAR reference number 10-03-55529**). Serious questions have been raised concerning the possible impact of this proposed mine on fin fish in the rivers and streams in the Buckley Bay-Fanny Bay area as well as the shellfish in Baynes Sound. We are concerned with the immediate and cumulative impacts on the watershed, surface waters and aquifers in the area. Only a Joint Federal/Provincial Independent Expert Review Panel will make it possible for those with the necessary expertise to present their views. In addition, the widespread public concern regarding this mine calls for public hearings at which citizens can express their views.

We believe the full Raven coal tenure, both surface operations and the underground mine itself, should be subject to comprehensive aquifer mapping and modeling. This data should be made public for all to review and comment on. The 3100 hectare Raven tenure includes all or significant portions of the watersheds of Cowie/Cougar Smith Creek, Tsable River, Wilfred (Coal) Creek, and Hindoo Creek which flow into Baynes Sound. It is essential that the hydrology and dynamics of these surface waters and their interactions with groundwater be assessed in order to make an informed decision regarding this proposed coal mine project.

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