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To: Prosperity Review [CEAA]

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Subject: Please stop the Mine

My apologies if this is the second email you received from me.

Dear Mr. Connelly, Mr. Klassen and Ms. Morin

Please consider stopping the Taseko Mines project out of Williams Lake. It will bring devastating and irreversible environmental damage to the land. I have read the DFO reports provided on the CEAA website, as well as the document by Vimeo about the 'Tsilhqot'in peoples' unanimous rejection of Taseko Mines Ltd.'s proposal to drain Teztan Biny (Fish Lake) in order to stockpile mining waste'. There are too many variables that cannot be predicted, such as the risk of the lowered water level of Prosperity Lake which could bring a devastating fish kill, or the affected riparian area. The pit lake and tailing storage facility will cause harm to nearby wildlife, and the people who depend on these animals for their livelihood.

The Xeni Gwet'n have not agreed to this proposed mine, and I do not understand how the federal and provincial government can ignore this fact.

I am a biology teacher, and in my former profession I worked as a fisheries biologist. I have travelled extensively through the area proposed by the mine, and I am gravely concerned that this mine may proceed. British Columbia is an amazingly province and people from around the world come here to visit. I am proud when I hear them say it is beautiful and they appreciate the wilderness. I realize this would be an economic boost for our province, but we need to find a better way. Tourism also provides economic prosperity. Let us keep our land pristine for the future of our province. We do not want to be judged by our future generations as greedy and careless.

Thank you for reading this letter. You will not regret changing your mind.

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