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Dear Mr. Hill

I am writing to voice my concern about the "Prosperity" project, which, as you know, is in it's final stage of the approval process. I am trained as a biologist, and am currently working in an elementary school. As such, my primary concern is with the biodiversity in the watershed. It is estimated that 160,000 (some genetically DISTINCT) fish will be killed for this project. Once those lakes, watersheds, and more specifically, fish, are gone, they can not EVER be replaced. It may seem like a small price to pay (killing those fish) to Taseko, but to many of us, in the big picture, it is bigger than a few hundred jobs and short term financial gain.

I am concerned for the future generations, and please don't dismiss this concern as idealistic. The small children I work with every day will NOT benefit in the future from another copper mine IN ANY WAY. What we must do to maintain their earth is look after the environment, starting with the fisheries, habitats, and forests.

The solution to the financial / copper / gold / greed problem, I do not pretend to know. I do have one suggestion. A massive campaign should be commenced, in which people are encouraged to RECYCLE old waste, including mineral waste. Also, we need to reduce the amount of waste we create by changing our lifestyles. The First Nations in the area should be listened to. I was appalled when I read Taseko's official report. They dedicated a small section at the very end of their report, to the First Nations perspective. Theirs is the first voice I would listen to if I were you. It was and still is their land. They are wiser than we in their respect for "mother earth", and they know that destroying these lakes for short term financial gain is an irreversible mistake.

Please, hear my voice. I strongly oppose this project, and I plan to protest it alongside the First Nations until all avenues have been exhausted.

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