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**To:** Prosperity Review [CEAA]; Minister [NCR]

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Good afternoon

I am writing this morning to voice my concerns one last time before the review panel makes it's decision about Prosperity.

I have read up on the mine, the company, and the FN perspective. I would like to officially state that I stand 100% behind the First Nations in their fight against the mine. The fact that the BC government rubber stamped the project astounds me, and I assure you, my future votes will reflect that.

More specifically, from an environmental perspective, if this mine goes in and the surrounding watershed becomes toxic, an estimated 85,000 genetically distinct fish in Fish Lake and another 80,000 in "Little Fish" and other connected streams and wetlands will be destroyed. I know it sounds nieve to express concern about the fish when the project will employ people in the short term, but please look at it more as a sustainability issue. I have children, and my primary concern is keeping the earth sustainable. Many of our policies seem to be taking us in the wrong direction. We need to start maintaining our environment so that there still is one in the future. As a first Nations representative said on the radio, "what about the water, isn't that a valuable resource"?

When I read the Taseko report, I noted that the company only dedicates one very short section to the "First Nations." And I get the feelign they did that because they had to. Frankly, they don't care about the FN's perspective, but I wish they did. I truly believe that the FN in the area need to be respected. After all, it is their land, no matter how you look at it. They are not concerned about the company's profit, nor the employability, because their primary concern is (rightly) the environment. I TOTALLY back them, and if I have to, I'll go down there and protest the mine until we turn it away. Sincerely,

Val Lucas

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