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Dear CEAA Panel Members:

I sat through a few of the presentations this week and one point seems to be amiss. There is much mention of salmon and trout being an extremely valuable and irreplaceable food source for the Tsilhqot'in people and other First Nations in the Area. I would like to point out that wild Pacific Salmon is also a most valuable and irreplaceable food source for many Canadians as well. I know that for a fact since I live in Ontario and my family and friends eat wild Pacific Salmon on a weekly basis. Furthermore many other native and non native residents along the watershed all the way to the ocean rely on this important food source. To deprive all of these people of their nourishment in order for Taseko Mines Ltd. to increase its already blatant wealth is an abomination.

I also wonder how a company such as Taseko Mines Limited can honestly seek entitlement to a land that obviously belongs to the Tsilhqot'in Nation and has for thousands of years. To me such a mentality belongs to an archaic mode of conquest and destruction that is counterproductive and not supported by the majority of modern Canadians and other current societies. Its high time to update our regulations on these matters.

Much permanent damage has already been done on this wondrous planet. Many of the delicate ecosystems remaining such as Teztan Biny in this country depend on us for their survival. We need to remember consistently that we also depend on this delicate ecosystem for our own survival as a species. Gold and all material wealth will lose all its value once there is no more water, food and air left to live on. We are a most vulnerable species, as fragile as the little rainbow trout and the mighty salmon. We desperately need our pristine lands, our atmosphere, our water and our food sources. Modern society tends to forget this. Let us all be grateful for what we have, for the gift of life and let's join all our efforts to preserve this Gift.

Monique Boulanger, Killaloe, Ontario

Here is my letter (22 April 2010, World Water Day) to my local MP

Dear Ms Gallant

Thank you very much for representing our voices in the parliamentary process. I want to express my profound disappointment in our Canadian Government to have produced a law such as the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation of the Fisheries Act , schedule 2 (2006) approving the use of lakes as tailings ponds for mining waste. That

means the destruction of the entire ecosystem of a lake to dispose of toxic byproducts. If this is not equal to legalizing polluting practices then what is this?

We are fortunate as a nation to still have lakes teeming with wildlife. This is one of our greatest assets, even more so if we add the value of clean water as a life giving force that no nation, no matter how powerful, can do without. In my view lasting life preservation will always have more value than short term profit. One case was brought to my attention just recently and I would like to bring this internet link to your attention for you to examine the situation I'm bringing up in this letter.

<http://vimeo.com/9679174>

Furthermore the aboriginal rights of the people of this area are not being respected despite the fact that the Supreme Court of Canada decreed in 2004 that governments now have a duty to "consult and accommodate" first Nations before the approval of any development that has an impact on their traditional lands.

So please forward my voice where it can be heard.

Sincerely,

Monique Boulanger