

Subject: FW: *****SPAM***** comments on proposed Prosperity Mine

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To: Prosperity Review [CEAA]

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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Prosperity Gold/ Copper Mine.

I am a resident of British Columbia, Canada, Earth.

As a resident of north central British Columbia where a number of mines are currently being proposed by mining companies - and endorsed by the provincial government - I am very concerned that there is a fundamental lack of land use planning/ cumulative impacts when looking at the impact of these mines collectively.

My concern in this regard relates to the cumulative impact on the various watersheds. In the case of the Prosperity Mine, I believe the mine poses potential threat to the Fraser river watershed. This risk in and of itself is intolerable due to the already precarious state of the river salmon & other fish species. Already a judicial inquiry is underway to look at the potential problems with the sockeye salmon stocks in the Fraser, and this inquiry has yet to make any determinations. To add another potential risk to this compromised watershed in this situation is wrong.

I am concerned about the idea of converting a pristine fish-bearing lake into a tailing impoundment area; I believe this practice poses a danger to the future well being of Canadian watersheds and environment. This lake in particular is known to be fish bearing and in addition, is long held sacred by First Nations communities.

The First Nations people in the area have been very vocal and determined in their opposition to this project. I give them my whole hearted support. They are the stewards of the environment in the area, the people with the longest standing and most intimate connection to this land. Canada is supposed to stand for rights; as a nation we are supposedly working to create a legacy of respect for First Nations culture and rights. To proceed with a mine in sacred territory of First Nations would be incongruent with this overarching vision of what Canada stands for. I adamantly oppose proceeding with this or any mine in the face of local First Nations opposition. First Nations concerns need to be included in the processes and determinations. To do otherwise is to fall back on long standing patterns of colonialism and oppression.

I do not have the information about the jobs the mine is offering; however, I would suggest these will be time-limited jobs, and there are other less damaging to the environment ways of growing an economy & creating longterm sustainable jobs. The Chilcotin is incredible territory - a still remaining wild place - ecotourism, fishing and other such endeavours would likely hold promise as would continued ranching etc in the area, and such economic endeavours can be longterm.

I am concerned that the Province of British Columbia has already seen fit to approve this mine and question their rationale for doing so; however, I would request that this panel not approve this mine.

I and many other Canadians stand with the First Nations people in opposing this project.

Sincerely,

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