

**From:** Eileen Muzzin  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 8:26 AM  
**To:** Michaud, Livain [CEAA]  
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**From:** Anita Bailly  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 8:33 AM  
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**From:** Susan Perreault  
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Amitav Dash

**From:** Anne Savage  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 8:52 AM  
**To:** Michaud, Livain [CEAA]  
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Dear Michaud,

I was raised, and have raised my children, to care for any environment in which they find themselves: to clean it up if necessary, and not to damage it.

As a former Albertan, now living in Ontario, and hoping to retire in B.C., I have watched industrial development in the Canadian wilderness closely for decades.

Taseko Mines Ltd.'s proposed "New Prosperity" gold and copper mine in the Cariboo-Chilcotin will provide huge dollar profits for some people. This aspect of development is not enough to warrant the use of pristine lakes as tailings disposal - they are not disposable aspects of Canadian life. The constant removal of such lakes is not acceptable; we do not have an unlimited supply of nature, not matter how big the big pink map looks.

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I did not, and most Canadians did not support an amendment to Canada's Fisheries Act in 2002 allowing natural lakes and creeks to be used as tailings ponds. I also urge the federal government to close this legislative loophole and protect our fish-bearing lakes once and for all.

In the course of my nearly sixty years I have seen the degradation of nature almost everywhere industry wishes, in the name of jobs, even though for example in B.C. mining these are not for Canadians.

Gold and copper are so profitable that these corporations could afford to mine from a reasonable distance away, through tunnels, and to remove their waste for landfill, recycling toxic waste.

Sincerely,  
Anne Savage

**From:** Claudia Hall  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 9:03 AM  
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**PLEASE, I BEG YOU, DO NOT ALLOW THE GREED OF A FEW, TO DESTROY THE LIVES OF MANY!!! LISTEN TO YOUR CONSCIENCE & CONCENTRATE ON YOUR COMMONSENSE. KEEP TOXIC MINE WASTE OUT OF OUR WATER, ON OUR LAND, IN OUR AIR! KEEP DESTRUCTION AWAY FROM ALL THE ENDANGERED LIFE!**

**WE MAY HELP TO PUT OUR HUMPTY DUMPTY EARTH BACK TOGETHER & STOP DESTROYING LIVES, THREATENING OUR ENVIRONMENT, IN THE AIR, ON THE LAND, IN THE SEA! WE WILL BE STOP THE CAUSE OF POSSIBLE EXTINCTION OF ALL LIVING THINGS!! THIS IS OUR EARTH, OUR ONLY HOME!!**

**LOOK BEYOND THE DEATH & DESTRUCTION & IMAGINE CREATURES OF OUR**

<personal information / email addresses removed>

WATERS AS THEY SWIM IN THE CLEAN, POLLUTION FREE WATER, AS THEY FLY WITH CLEAN AIR, AS THEY WALK & THRIVE ON THE LAND. ENVISION ALL THIS LIFE IN FISH LAKE! YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN, WHEN YOU REFUSE THE GREED OF PROSPERITY MINE & SAVE OUR SPECTACULAR FISH LAKE!

NOW MAKE THAT VISION A REALITY!

Thank You, for reading my PLEA

Light, Life, Respect, & Peace, Claudia  
Claudia Hall

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Sheila Pratt  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 9:13 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Sheila Pratt

**From:** Elen Pye  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 9:32 AM  
**To:** Michaud,Livain [CEAA]  
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**From:** Sabrina Briggs  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** Sara Golling  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 9:37 AM  
**To:** Michaud, Livain [CEAA]  
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Fresh water is an increasingly valuable resource. Fish too. We must not risk contaminating any more of our fresh water, and we must not destroy any more fish habitat. Studies are also showing that Canada's natural landscapes provide more lasting economic benefits than the mines that destroy them.

For an example, look at the results of the Mt. Washington copper mine on Vancouver Island. It destroyed -- for over fifty years -- a fishery that was worth more in one year than the total output of the mine. It also cost more to attempt to stop the mine's ongoing damage to the Tsolum River than the mine ever earned.

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**From:** Renee Locks  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 9:46 AM  
**To:** Michaud, Livain [CEAA]  
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Renee Locks

**From:** Diana Mumford  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 9:54 AM  
**To:** Michaud, Livain [CEAA]  
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Dear Michaud,

I am truly outraged that the New Prosperity mine is being considered once again after being shown to be irreparably damaging in so many ways, and that natural lakes can legally be used as tailings ponds.

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**From:** Andrea Lee  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 10:06 AM  
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Andrea Lee

**From:** Sue Foote  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 10:08 AM  
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**From:** Charles Paquin  
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**From:** Sharon Marr  
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Sincerely,  
Sharon Marr

**From:** Lesley Currie  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 10:23 AM  
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**Subject:** No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

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**From:** Astrid Bradbury  
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**From:** Elaine Hughes  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 10:51 AM  
**To:** Michaud, Livain [CEAA]  
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Anne White

**From:** Barbara Charron  
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Sincerely,  
Barbara Charron

**From:** Brian Walker  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 11:14 AM  
**To:** Michaud, Livain [CEAA]  
**Subject:** No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

Dear Michaud,

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**From:** Cam Finlay  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 11:18 AM  
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michelle lesmond

**From:** Mary Benesosky  
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From: On Behalf Of Constance Franklin  
Sent: August 15, 2013 12:19 PM  
To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]  
Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project Federal Review Panel Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency  
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0H3

CC:  
BC Premier Christy Clark  
BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent

RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

As one who is gravely concerned with environmental health and thriving biodiversity, I urge intelligent foresight. I strongly oppose construction of the New Prosperity open-pit gold and copper mine, which Taseko Mines Ltd. is proposing to build right next to the lake.

We can not pander to industry at the cost of environmental health. Healthy ecosystems are the lifeblood of the earth which sustains us all and destruction from mining upon environment is well known. The area is home to a population of grizzly bears which would put them at further risk. Wildlife already faces tremendous odds in the wild.

Many groups and individuals support the Tsilhqot'in in their efforts to protect their territory from the proposed New Prosperity mine. This proposal is undemocratic, destructive and unnecessary. Please, reject this mine proposal once and for all.

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From: On Behalf Of Mary

Sent: August 15, 2013 12:56 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

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Building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky.

The Tsilhqot'in Nation are opposed to the proposed mine and have said so repeatedly.

Thank you

Mary

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**From:** Alexandra MAUVE  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 1:01 PM  
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Julie English

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**From:** Dan Pauls  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 1:17 PM  
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Please preserve Fish Lake, what you are proposing can potentially destroy this area.

Allan Yorkowitz

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**Sent:** August 15, 2013 1:51 PM  
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If you have not already, please go to this place and see for yourselves how amazing it is and how much is at stake. This open pit mine is in no way worth the risk of destruction to the pristine beauty it surrounds. I pray you will see the folly of this idea and put an end to it because it is my sincerest wish to show my unborn children the magic of this place. Please don't take that away from all of our future generations and all the current living beings there now.

Sincerely,

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Nicole Boon

**From:** Pat Rasmussen  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 1:59 PM  
**To:** Michaud,Livain [CEAA]  
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Sent: August 15, 2013 2:31 PM  
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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

I must ask you to reject Taseko's proposed New Prosperity Mine based on the following.

The CEAA Review for Taseko's first Prosperity Mine concluded that the proposed mine would have 'significant adverse environmental effects' and 'significant adverse cumulative impact' on fish and bear population and habitat in the South Chilcotin region by creating rock waste and tailing impoundment areas near Williams Lake, BC. The Panel also cites 'high magnitude, long term, irreversible effect on the Tsilqhot'in' and that the 'value of the claim would be reduced substantially due to changes in the landscape'; that Taseko's proposed mitigations are 'not sufficient to compensate for loss of habitat or landscape fragmentation', in addition to negative impacts on local uses of the landscape. These points apply equally, if not more so, to this second 'revised' proposal for New Prosperity Mine. Since the actual effects/impacts mentioned in the Review are difficult to fully grasp by such generalized description alone, the following real-life example of another, existing large gold-copper mine (Grasberg Mine in Papua – @ bottom of pg.) illustrates the shocking magnitude of the decimation Taseko has planned for this B.C. wilderness...

The following excerpts from a NY Times article about Grasberg Mine by JANE PERLEZ and RAYMOND BONNER, published in December 2005, exemplify the devastation of such effects.

[from NY Times]

"By Freeport's own estimates, Grasberg Mine will generate an estimated six billion tons of waste before it is through - more than twice as much earth as was excavated for the Panama Canal. Much of that waste has already been dumped in the mountains surrounding the mine or down a system of rivers that descends steeply onto the island's low-lying wetlands, close to Lorentz National Park, a pristine rainforest that has been granted special status by the United Nations... "A perpetual worry is where to put all the mine's waste - accumulating at a rate of some 700,000 tons a day... This year Freeport told the Indonesian government that the waste rock in the highlands, 900 feet deep in places, now covers about three square miles. Down below, nearly 90 square miles of wetlands, once one of the richest freshwater habitats in the world, are virtually buried in mine waste, called tailings, with levels of copper and sediment so high that almost all fish have disappeared, according to environment ministry documents.

'The waste, the consistency and color of wet cement, belts down the rivers, and inundates and smothers all in its path,' said Russell Dodt, an Australian civil engineer who managed the waste on the wetlands for 10 years until 2004 for Freeport. About a third of the waste has moved into the coastal estuary, an essential breeding ground for fish, and much of that 'was ripped out to sea by the falling tide that acted like a big vacuum cleaner,' he said.

"A geologist who worked at the mine, who declined to be identified because of fear of jeopardizing future employment, said acids were already flowing into the groundwater. Bright green-colored springs could be seen spouting several miles away, he said - a tell-tale sign that the acids had leached out copper.

'That meant the acid water traveled a long way,' he said... [adding] that acids and copper from the mine were affecting the [Lorentz] park, considered a world treasure for its ecological diversity... "Freeport says that the tailings are not toxic and that the river it uses for its waste meets Indonesian and American drinking water standards for dissolved metals... The Parametrix report shows copper levels in surface waters high enough to kill sensitive aquatic life in a short time, said Ann Maest, a geochemist who consults on mining issues... "The amount of sediment presents another problem. Too many suspended solids in water can smother aquatic life. Indonesian law says they should not exceed 400 milligrams per liter. Freeport's waste contained 37,500 milligrams as the river entered the lowlands, according to an environment ministry's report in 2004, 7,500 milligrams as the river entered the Arafura Sea.

"By today, almost one billion tons of waste have been sent down the river from the copper and gold mine."

#### Grasberg Mine

While Grasberg mine is located on an isolated mountaintop in a remote region on the island of New Guinea, Taseko Mines Ltd's proposed location is smack in the middle of a lush, thriving wilderness in British Columbia's South Chilcotin – habitat to numerous indigenous, thriving species such as Grizzly bears, wolves, cougars, salmon and countless others, co-existing with those who live in and draw their livelihood directly from its clean environment and richly diverse ecosystems. Its freshwater lakes and rivers also make up one of the main watersheds leading into the Fraser River.

The far-reaching and irreversible damage of a gold-copper mine – gold-copper open-pit mines being among the most environmentally devastating activities on the planet – would destroy whole ecosystems and many wildlife habitats, including grizzly bear, creating an ecological disaster. From the viewpoint of those living there – as well as those of us who spend vacations there, along with those (humans and animals) who depend upon the healthy fish habitats for survival – a worse location for such a monstrosity could not have been chosen.

I would like to add that, respecting the locale of the proposed mine is of great importance to the First Nations (Tsilhqot'in) people who have lived here for hundreds if not thousands of years – a key consideration, since it is their careful stewardship that has ensured continuation of its abundant thriving wildlife.

The region in question is also a world-class vacation spot, highly desired particularly by Europeans attracted to its remoteness and vast expanses of unspoiled scenery. The wilderness experiences offered by some 15-20 quality guest ranches providing one-of-a-kind authentic holidays 'away from it all' depend for their success upon the untouched nature and continued wildlife habitation of their surrounds.

Allowing a gold-copper mine to be built in this location (Teztan Biny) would eliminate the livelihoods of several local residents – as well as violate the following tenets pertaining to Canadian wildlife [from Environment Canada's website]:

Excerpts from Environment Canada's Species at Risk Act (2002, c. 29):

• "Canada's natural heritage is an integral part of our national identity and history, • Canadian wildlife species and ecosystems are also part of the world's heritage... • the roles of the aboriginal peoples of Canada and of wildlife management boards established under land claims agreements in the conservation of wildlife in this country are essential, • all Canadians have a role to play in the conservation of wildlife in this country, including the prevention of wildlife species from becoming extirpated or extinct, • stewardship activities contributing to the conservation of wildlife species and their habitat should be supported to prevent species from becoming at risk, • the traditional knowledge of the aboriginal peoples of Canada should be considered in the assessment of which species may be at risk and in developing and implementing recovery measures, • the habitat of species at risk is key to their conservation."

Consider the anxiety with which all residents of this area await your final decision re. Taseko Mines' proposal, along with the overwhelming evidence of existing gold-copper mining operations around the world elucidating permanent damage to wildlife habitats, thriving living organisms and salmon populations of the nearby lakes as well as adjoining rivers and waterways...

Perhaps most importantly, think of the First Nations (Tsilhqot'in) people who are the oldest inhabitants here, whose stewardship has kept this land pristine. environmentally sound, self-sustaining and teeming with diversity for centuries. Theirs is ultimately the legacy worth leaving here in B.C., a province I am proud to defend from the harm, greed and selfishness which Taseko's 'New Prosperity Mine' epitomizes...

Please reject Taseko Mines Ltd.'s hostile proposal to decimate a B.C. wilderness and sacred Tsilhqot'in Nation territory. Gold-copper mining is an ecological disaster; please don't let B.C. become one too...

Thank you very much.

Sarah Chesterman

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From: On Behalf Of Ljiljana Milic

Sent: August 15, 2013 3:25 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

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**From:** Arlene Zimmer  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 3:53 PM  
**To:** Michaud, Livain [CEAA]  
**Subject:** No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

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Sincerely,  
Arlene Zimmer

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From: On Behalf Of Victoria Pitchford

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Please save Fish lake

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To whom it may concern,

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1. The area it will be built on is home to a population of grizzly bears that would be put at risk by the proposed mine.
2. Building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky and could be potentially harmful to wildlife in the area.
3. The Tsilhqot'in Nation are opposed to the proposed mine and have said so repeatedly. Unfortunately their viewpoints are being completely ignored and their wishes disregarded.

In closing, I implore you to please reconsider building the New Prosperity open-pit gold and copper mine in such close proximity to Fish Lake. Though I am not a Canadian citizen, I am a world citizen and protecting wildlife and honoring the wishes of native peoples is the concern of all citizens everywhere. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Mr. Robert Ortiz

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Sent: August 15, 2013 4:26 PM

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One of our concerns is that important information requested by the Environmental Assessment Panel has not been provided by the mining company, despite several requests to do so. Some of the information requested has to do with the movement of water underground. There is concern that with the massive mine so close downstream from Fish Lake there is potential for the lake water to drain away into the mine. And, with the tailings impoundment held back by a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake, there is concern that water from the tailings pond could migrate into Fish Lake. The Tsilhqot'in Nation are also frustrated by a lack of proper information from the mining company.

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**From:** Janis Warne  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 4:42 PM  
**To:** Michaud, Livain [CEAA]  
**Subject:** No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

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Sincerely,  
Janis Warne

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From: On Behalf Of Alita DeMarco

Sent: August 15, 2013 5:14 PM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Water as we know it , is disappearing all across the world . Think now , what would you do if your family or grandchildren had to drink from it in the future ?

You will never KNOW UNTIL ITS NEEDED . Thank You Alita

DeMarco citizen of the planet

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Current mining practices can't ensure the continued health of not only Fish Lake, but the entire ecosystem.

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**Sent:** August 15, 2013 5:21 PM  
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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

My opinion agrees with those opposed to this mining development for all the reasons stated including risks to the bear habitat, ground water pollution risks and of course Fish Lake itself.

I personally don't believe we have to consider every project no matter the risks/consequences just because they provide some economic growth. Lets save Fish Lake. Gerry Syvokas

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**From:** cris bordier  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 5:42 PM  
**To:** Michaud,Livain [CEAA]  
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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Dear Review Panel,

I am strongly opposed to the construction of the New Prosperity open-pit gold and copper mine, which Taseko Mines Ltd. is proposing to build right next to fish lake. The area is home to a population of grizzly bears that would be put at risk by the proposed mine. Building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky.

Please do not approve this horrible project!

Sincerely,

Barry Haynes

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Sent: August 15, 2013 5:46 PM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

We don't need more copper and gold and open pit mines with filthy tailing ponds to pollute our rivers and lakes and destroy our grizzly population. Trophy hunting of grizzly bears should be banned, finning of sharks should be banned, killing of elephants and rhinos for their tusks and horns should be banned --- I could go on forever. All over the world we are allowing people to destroy our planet and the species in it. Gold, copper, silver, diamonds and all the elements that are wrung from our earth so painfully, are extracted by companies like Taseko that have as their guiding principle the acquisition of financial gain. All other considerations are ignored.

Barrie Chadwick

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

By now, it's no secret that this proposed mine - the "New Prosperity" mine - is a very bad idea for many reasons. So it's not necessary to list all the reasons here, save for the fact that governments at every level are owned by corporate interests, and are not listening to citizens. **THIS MUST CHANGE!**

There is a very good reason why minerals, oil, gas, etc. have been left in the ground until now - extraction has been difficult to do without wrecking the environment! So now with technology developed to the extent that it is, the reason "because we can" remains the **ONLY** reason given to carry out risky extractions, except of course for profit.

**THIS IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH!**

I implore you to **LEAVE IT IN THE GROUND!**

Thank you.

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

To All Whom it may Concern,

I am writing, once again, to stress my opposition to mine development near Fish Lake. I support the Tsilhqot'in Nation who will be most directly impacted by the environmental risks and degradation of what is a very sacred place for them. s

I have an abiding love for B.C. 's wilderness and "undeveloped areas." I have hiked in Fish Lake country and it is an amazing place and habitat for many animals and birds.

The true long term economic value is in preserving this natural jewel, and developing respectful sustainable ventures and support local ( including wildlife) communities.

So I, along with many, many concerned citizens say NO! to the mining proposal.

Respectfully, Susan Leibik

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From: On Behalf Of Dana Bleckinger

Sent: August 15, 2013 6:02 PM

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From: On Behalf Of Peta Clarke

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To Whom It May Concern

With respect Canada still is able to help the global warming and the environment with is pristine waters. Please consider in your Environmental Assessment and help The Tsilhqot'in National retain this National Treasure do not build this dam upstream for storing tailings upstream from Fish Lake.

Sincerely

Peta Clarke

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Dear Representative Taseko Mines,

Tourism dollars will be lost by the building of a gold and copper mine near Fish Lake. Water quality is of course an issue with the tailings being upstream, and many tailings dams have broken in the past in United States and Canada. Please reconsider your decision to open the copper and gold mine due to the adverse impacts to outdoor recreation, wildlife, the grizzly bears and water quality. Thank you for your consideration on this matter and I know you'll make the right decision for our generation and generations to come.

Remember mines are permanent and are impossible to remediate; prioritize local citizens' health, and public access to shared natural resources.

Thank you,

Sophia Shoen

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From: On Behalf Of louise woychesko

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There are several reasons to reject the proposed mine for New Prosperity

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We need all the pristine areas we have if future generations are to inherit more than roads, sprawl, pollution, greed, wastelands, dumps and malls.

Please reject the mine.

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From: On Behalf Of Ross Muirhead

Sent: August 15, 2013 7:14 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project Federal Review Panel Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

160 Elgin St., 22nd Floor

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CC:

BC Premier Christy Clark

BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent

RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Respect local 1st Nations position on this mine proposal. They have been stewards of this land long before contact and have best knowledge on its long-term protection.

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From: On Behalf Of Claire Lang

Sent: August 15, 2013 7:19 PM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the flawed proposal of the Prosperity Mine and subsequent environmental degradation of Fish Lake. To whomever is reading this, I know you probably don't give 2 shits about what I am about to write, but I believe that one person's voice is still powerful, no matter how small it seems to be. So please keep reading, and please take what I have to say into consideration.

I have spent a significant amount of time in the Chilcotin, not far from there at a small place called Tsuniah Lake. I have talked in depth with the people of the area about this proposed mine and its consequences, both positive and negative for the area, and have come up with the following lists.

Positive benefits for the immediate area:

- Potential for income (however the proposal does not guarantee any percentage of jobs to be going to local residents and Tsilhqot'in First Nation individuals. Thus this is an empty promise)

And that is about the only positive from this proposal that anyone has been able to come up with. A short term boost to the economic activity of the region resulting from pillaging the scarce natural resources in the area.

Now for the negative consequences. There are many.

Potential for gross environmental degradation resulting from:

- Leaking and badly built tailings dams (one only needs to type 'failed tailings dams' into google to get 300,000+ results and many scholarly articles. Or alternatively read 'Collapse' by Jared Diamond). If this pollution was to get into Fish Lake, it would not only poison Fish Lake to a point at which it would become a biodiversity wasteland, leaving a body of water in which nothing would live but its tainted waters would also flow out into its tributary rivers, such as the Chilcotin, and eventually the Fraser, both of which are vital Salmon spawning areas. After recent reviews of Salmon numbers, they certainly need all the help they can get.

- Irreparable damage to fragile and ancient forests from the building of the mine and related infrastructures

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- Leaving the local First Nations populations with their land overhauled, their homes and their ancestral homelands destroyed.

The mine should not go ahead, and there are many MANY more reasons why this should not be so. This is just one more passionate voice that would hate to see such a wild space again ruined by greedy corporations. Can we not leave some places untouched and pristine for generations to come? Or is it necessary to continue the destruction of these places for a select few to add to their vast piles of wealth.

Take your mine elsewhere Taseko, we sure as hell dont want it!

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From: On Behalf Of John Hutton

Sent: August 15, 2013 7:21 PM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

THE REPACKAGING OF THIS PROPOSAL DOESN'T MAKE IT

ANY BETTER....THIS IS STILL A TERRIBLE IDEA!!!!!!!!!!!!

I PARTICULARLY HAVE HUGE CONCERN ABOUT THE STORAGE OF THE TAILINGS, SURE THERE ARE REASSURANCES THAT IT IS ALL SAFE?!?!?!...YA RIGHT!!!.....JUST WAY TOO RISKY!!!!!!!!

Mr. J H HUTTON

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From: On Behalf Of Daniel Pierce

Sent: August 15, 2013 7:25 PM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

To whom it may concern,

This proposal is a terrible idea for a number of reasons that I'm sure many others will identify. What I have to say is simple: No First Nations consent, no mine. There are no Treaties in British Columbia. Respect indigenous rights. Stop this madness.

End of story.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Pierce

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Sent: August 15, 2013 7:25 PM

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Please support British Columbians and stop the New Prosperity Mine!

Jonathan Murkin

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From: On Behalf Of Fred Kay North Vancouver BC  
Sent: August 15, 2013 7:34 PM  
To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]  
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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine in the Chilcotin.

I believe the Tsilhqot'in Nation have been very outspoken in voicing their rejection of this project in its entirety which raises the question of just whose prosperity the mine is intended to enhance.

It is certainly not the fish of Fish Lake which would be wiped out entirely by even a minor breach of the upstream tailings dam. And it's not the local grizzly bear population whose numbers would be put at extreme risk.

One is left concluding that any resultant prosperity would primarily be enjoyed only by a select few Howe Street denizens as is usually the case and this seems a poor excuse to destroy this rare natural treasure.

I urge the recipients of this letter to give sober second thought to this risky and ill-conceived venture and to reject it with no chance of reprieve.

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From: On Behalf Of john robertson

Sent: August 15, 2013 7:47 PM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Please do not allow this project to proceed. Sacrificing wildlife habitat is bad enough but sacrificing wildlife habitat that other wildlife depend on is simply wrong. When will this rule of putting profits before the environment end? How much longer do we need to keep doing this?

Thank you,

John Robertson

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From: On Behalf Of Bertram E Allen

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

To Whom it Concerns:

Please be advised I am against the development of the Prosperity mine. Canada needs to protect it's valuable wildlife space. Home to Grizzly bears, and abundant wildlife, this project is not suited for development. The tailings pond itself constitutes a huge danger to the areas wildlife, (birds in particular).

This area is a PRIME Wildlife refuge. It epitomizes what Wildlife is in British Columbia. Alberta Tar Sands are an example of Greed for Profit. Must we follow in Alberta's footsteps?!

This project will benefit very few, while destroying prime wildlife reserves.

I do not support this project. Please do not allow it to destroy a valuable resource, our wildlife.

Bertram Allen

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From: On Behalf Of Daniel Froese

Sent: August 15, 2013 7:57 PM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

Hello,

I understand that job creation is the name of the game these days. But please try and think a little more long-term. In the next few decades, the environment is going to be on the forefront of every nation's agenda and our unspoiled land is going to be the most valuable resource we have. I want to see Canada as a leader in conservation and respecting the wishes of our First Nations. The Tsilhqot'in Nation has made it abundantly clear that this would be a harmful endeavour. Canada has an international reputation of respected the wishes of its first Nations and standing up to corporate pressure. Jobs are temporary but the scar left by this mine will be permanent.

Sincerely,

Daniel Froese

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**From:** albert haddad  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 6:39 PM  
**To:** Michaud,Livain [CEAA]  
**Subject:** No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

Dear Michaud,

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The current proposal would surround Fish Lake (Teztan Biny in Tsilhqot'in) with the second largest open pit gold and copper mine in Canada, closing it for 33 years and putting this important fish habitat at risk of contamination. Little Fish Lake would be destroyed. The many rivers and tributaries that flow from Fish Lake would face contamination risk including Fish Creek, the Taseko River, the Chilko River, the Chilcotin River and finally the Fraser River, fundamental to the life cycle of wild Pacific salmon. The project also threatens at-risk grizzly bear populations, as noted in the first federal environmental assessment.

The Tsilhqot'in National Government strongly opposes this proposal because it would contaminate critical traditional lands and waters and impact the cultural survival of the Tsilhqot'in people.

Fish Lake would never have been threatened in the first place were it not for an amendment to Canada's Fisheries Act in 2002 allowing natural lakes and creeks to be used as tailings ponds. I also urge the federal government to close this legislative loophole and protect our fish-bearing lakes once and for all.

Sincerely,  
albert haddad

**From:** Geoff Skews  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 7:57 PM  
**To:** Michaud, Livain [CEAA]  
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Sincerely,  
Geoff Skews

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From: On Behalf Of Hannelore Pinder  
Sent: August 15, 2013 8:30 PM  
To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]  
Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

To one and all,

Several years ago we celebrated "Saving Fish Lake" only to find that the mining company is trying once more to use this pristine area for storing poisonous effluents and other pollutants. Please make sure that they will not succeed. The price is too high we need a living, breathing environment much more than gold. The world is in serious trouble, we must change our ways and get our priorities straight. Remember: there is no life possible once we destroy every last untouched spot on the globe. We are already hovering on the point of no return, let's not add the sin of destroying Fish Lake to the endless list of previous sins.

Sincerely, Hannelore Pinder

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From: On Behalf Of Kimberly Armstrong  
Sent: August 15, 2013 8:32 PM  
To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]  
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CC:  
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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

I am writing to oppose the propose New Prosperity mine near Williams Lake. The health and prosperity of the province is not just economic, and our natural resources, water and wildlife deserve our respect and care far more than quick profit. The proposed open pit mine will put our lakes at risk, impacting fish, wildlife, and the people who inhabit the area. Further, the people whose territory it is have repeatedly spoken out against the project. I ask you as the representatives of the people to listen to the people, both locally and throughout the province, who are standing together to voice their opposition to the project. British Columbia deserves more than to be stripped of its resources and despoilt. For the sake of British Columbians now, and generations of British Columbians yet to come, I ask you to oppose the New pPosperity mine.

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From: On Behalf Of natasha salgado

Sent: August 15, 2013 8:45 PM

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Please save this lake.

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From: On Behalf Of Julie Hunter

Sent: August 15, 2013 8:56 PM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

This proposal must not go ahead!

The earth, the animals, the people of the region can not take it, period.

Sincerely

Julie Hunter

(you may have already received something from me already)

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From: On Behalf Of Charles Boylan

Sent: August 15, 2013 9:17 PM

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

You have been unlawfully authorized by the Federal Government of Canada to review a mining proposal from a certain group of owners of capital who wish to develop a mine near Fish Lake as it is known in English. The Government of Canada has exceeded its legal and constitutional authority in assigning you this task. This land you are discussing is the sovereign territory of the Tsilhqot'in Nation. The Royal Proclamation (1763), first British Constitutional arrangement following its conquest of Canada from France explicitly forbids white men encroaching on the hunting and fishing territories of "Indians" until a treaty has been signed alienating their territory to the Crown. Such a treaty has never been signed. Therefore, as a Canadian citizen, I demand you cease and desist from your activity, which according to the Constitution Act of 1982, is unconstitutional and unlawful. Modern Canadian conscience rejects utterly all theories of colonial domination and "right of discovery." Canada has no jurisdiction over the lands you presume to speak of.

Charles Boylan

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From: On Behalf Of Elspeth Bradbury

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Building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky.

The Tsilhqot'in Nation are opposed to the proposed mine and have said so repeatedly.

I urge the panel to reject this mining application.

Yours truly,

Elspeth Bradbury

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**From:** Francine Rochon  
**Sent:** August 15, 2013 9:34 PM  
**To:** Michaud, Livain [CEAA]  
**Subject:** No Means No: Stop the "New Prosperity" Mine at Fish Lake

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Sincerely,  
Francine Rochon

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From: On Behalf Of Eric Wirsching  
Sent: August 15, 2013 9:43 PM  
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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

The search for precious metals, as so beautifully portrayed in the movie Avatar, takes the human race to unbelievable lengths in a search for the object of highest value. The movie exposes the truth: that such a search is a fallacy, because the thing of highest value in this world is not of a physical nature. It is not an object. It is the feeling of connection to the world around you. It is knowing moment to moment that you are a part of a whole. It is Love, it is coherence, continuity and clarity. It is Life. In a world where we do not have the answers to the meaning of life, we strive to fill the void that a lack of community and connection to Nature gives us.

Thus we have witnessed two paradigms arise in the past 50 or so years. The materialist and the environmentalist. One is glamorous, convenient, sexy and easy to become engrained in. It is also bad for our health and the health of the planet in so many ways, one of which is because it promotes and fosters destructive and aggressive behaviors in people and even animals. The true environmentalist is quite the opposite, but most people choose the environmental side to some degree. As climate change, fish stock depletion, extinction, soil erosion, poverty, Genetically Modified Organisms and pesticides become more and more visible, and our health and the health of the planet is obviously threatened, the general population increases its lean towards being environmentalist, even though it is more work, less convenient and often more expensive. Please follow the lead of the people. Please help make it easier for them to make the right choice. Please leave the Gold and Copper in the ground, and find a way to prosper without destroying that which sustains life on this planet. Yes, you are human, and you have abilities that the rest of the animal kingdom cannot fathom. But that doesn't mean you have privileges that they don't, just because they can't force their agenda on you. Realize that functioning animal and plant ecosystems able your sustenance, and the intricacies of their systems are not fathomable, even to the human mind. Your clean air and water depends on them. At the end of the day, You depend on them.

Sincerely,  
Eric Wirsching,

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From: On Behalf Of Lillian Kelly & Jim Kelly  
Sent: August 15, 2013 9:45 PM  
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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I am writing to you to express my concern about Fish Lake, and this area which is in the territory of the Tsilhoqot'in Nation near Williams Lake, B.C.

I understand that this precious area which is the habitat for grizzly bears.

The proposed gold and copper mine would pollute the environment of the lake and surrounding area. This would kill fish in the lake, and destroy necessary habitat for the grizzly bears. This open-pit mine would also be storing tailings behind a dam upstream from Fish Lake. This is risky and an accident would ruin the lake, and kill the fish. The native people of this area are opposed to this mine. I ask that you reject this proposed mine, and protect our precious lake, and forest and the people and animals who depend on them.

Thank you

Lillian & Jim Kelly

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RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

To the Review Panel. Let your conscience be your guide. Too many projects like this have made our world seriously ill. We need to be cognizant of the impact on the environment, and those living beings who inhabit this area.

Please turn this proposal down.

Thank you

Robert McFarland

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From: On Behalf Of Ursula Poepel

Sent: August 15, 2013 9:55 PM

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Dear Panel,

This is to state that I am appalled that the governments of Canada and British Columbia are considering an open pit gold and copper mine on First Nations' land. Have we not done enough damage to them and Canada's reputation in the world by ripping families apart and forcing their children into the Western culture ? Now we try to rob them again, this time of their livelihood, their food and habitat. That's right, people need habitat, too !

Besides, in gold mining cyanide is used and it ends up in rivers and lakes as

was shown in South America a few years ago. POISONED ! And all the fish were dead, too. Nobody should be exposed to such a toxic substance, so save the people around Fish Lake !

PLEASE, do not allow this project to go forward.

Ursula Poepel

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From: On Behalf Of amy novak

Sent: August 15, 2013 9:59 PM

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From: On Behalf Of Toby Reid

Sent: August 15, 2013 10:03 PM

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Fellow Canadians,

The Tsilhqot'in Nation – whose territory encompasses Fish Lake, an extremely abundant trout lake located west of Williams Lake BC – are strongly opposed to the construction of the New Prosperity open-pit gold and copper mine, which Taseko Mines Ltd. is proposing to build right next to the lake.

Many groups and individuals support the Tsilhqot'in in their efforts to protect their territory from the proposed New Prosperity mine. The proposed mine is about to undergo a public hearing as part of the federal Environmental Assessment process.

The area is home to a population of grizzly bears that would be put at risk by the proposed mine. Building a massive open-pit mine very close to Fish Lake and then storing the tailings behind a huge dam just upstream from Fish Lake is very risky.

As Canadians, we have a responsibility to all our fellow citizens and to future generations to make sound decisions on development plans, and this proposed mine does not meet the needs of either.

Please abandon plans for the mine given the cultural, historical, environmental and health (food) implications of this area and Fish Lake.

Sincere regards,

Toby Reid

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-----Original Message-----

From: On Behalf Of Giselle Ruemke

Sent: August 15, 2013 10:40 PM

To: Newprosperityreview [CEAA]

Subject: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

New Prosperity Gold-Copper Mine Project Federal Review Panel Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

160 Elgin St., 22nd Floor

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CC:

BC Premier Christy Clark

BC Leader of the Official Opposition Adrian Dix Federal Minister of Environment Peter Kent

RE: Save Fish Lake - Stop the New Prosperity Mine

It is unjust to be contemplating imposing a pipeline on the traditional territories of the T'silcolht'in people, and also very unwise to be contemplating such an endeavour given the environmental risks. I urge you to abandon the plan immediately.

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