

To the Joint Review Panel and Secretariats,

Thank you for the time and consideration for this dauntless task of pouring through the information provided and asking appropriate questions from the applicant.

As a land owner on Gold Creek adjacent to the mine site for 27 years, i am exhausted with keeping up with the whole application process. A lot of very smart people have asked and stated concerns regarding Benga, Riversdale, Hancock application to mine coal in Southern Alberta in the headwaters of the Old Man River water shed. This in its self sounds very disturbing. In the beginning I have thought their land, do as they will, it is their land.

After reading the ninth and tenth amendment and responses I see the agenda as not being in the public best interest. Some points in the original application stated 25 years of mining, 2 years reclamation. some where i have read the application includes the wording of 100 years. Unacceptable.

Also, wordings of taxes paid to our government of 100 million dollars. Is this broken down to 1 million dollars a year? Also provided by the miners were cost break downs and assumptions. As an ARHCA member for 40 years i disagree with their cost break downs.

I want not for the public and government money to bail a faltering business profile based on assumptions. Benga, Riversdale and Hancock responses have a lot of assumptions, and wording leaving more questions. Data from other sources and well worded responses. I appreciate their effort.

My dealings with them include access to my land, which, they have utterly responded to us land owners to go use bush trails to access our land. Unacceptable.

Along with new drawings and the inclusion of 2000 plus hectares of public lands now included in their application. Unacceptable. As 55 percent of the mine pit boundary falls on Public lands.

Again, mining for coal in Southern Alberta, Unacceptable. Their tables and charts for precipitation and runoff is not plausible. If this mine proceeds to working, Gold Creek and Blairmore Creek will become contaminated with runoff.

Vern Emard and family

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