

I am writing to share my concerns and opposition to the proposed mine at Beaver Dam NS. There are so many things to think about.

Looking at the years of cumulative impact of the mining industry in NS on the land, water, the plants and animals that are an important part of the ecosystems, the fish and aquatic creatures that inhabit the lakes and river it causes one to wonder why there is anything left to protect. The natural beauty of this province is slowly being decimated and if it continues into the future, there will be little left for future generations.

Land that is disturbed can never go back to its original configuration – whether the disturbance was caused by natural events or by man. Man as custodians of the land, need to take responsibility to protect the land; stand up and say when enough is enough. Releasing toxic substances (carbon, arsenic etc.) that naturally reside in the soil into our air and water is just not a smart move. I have had enough of the attitude that man can continue to disregard their responsibility, and just continue to take, take and take. Climate change, if it can be arrested, depends on us to prevent further interference with the land and all that is held within it.

The plants and animals of the ecosystems of our planet work together to support life of all living creatures. As their habitat disappears and there is nowhere for them to go, the ecosystems break down and as a result life becomes more tenuous for all within that ecosystem. I don't pretend to understand all of the interdependencies of one living creature on another, however, common sense dictates we cannot continue to devastate habitat and interfere with nature without suffering adverse consequences.

This proposed project is far too close to the Killag River and watershed. Years of restorative work and lots of money will be wasted if this project does proceed.

Any argument for the mine usually includes the economic impact and I understand that jobs are important! However, working today at the expense of tomorrow without any thought of the consequences will eventually end in disaster.

I SIMPLY CANNOT BELIEVE THAT MINING COMPANIES/INDUSTRY CAN MITIGATE OR OFFSET ALL THEIR ACTIVITY. THE BOTTOM LINE IS IF WE SOON DON'T REIN IN OUR ACTIONS AGAINST THE PLANET & ENVIRONMENT, IT WILL NO LONGER BE POSSIBLE TO UNDO THE DAMAGE DONE.