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Ms. Daphne Stancil, Project Committee Chair
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RE: COMMENTS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND GENERATION PROJECT

Dear Ms. Stancil,

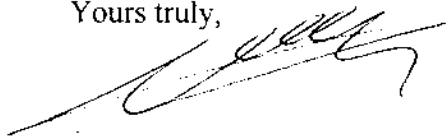
In my opinion, this project should not be built at the planned location, as it would definitely have a negative impact on the tourism of this region. Obviously, this negative impact would mean significant loss of revenues for the city of Nanaimo and the District.

The point is that this city has a great potential to become a favourite tourist destination (the trend is already promising) due to its beautiful scenery and picturesque landscapes. However, one more stack and one more thick column of plume - which will be well visible from the otherwise ravishing Nanaimo Downtown - will definitely ruin the city's beauty. The existing pulp mill is already badly polluting the southern sky of Nanaimo, so let us not make it any worse. Nanaimo is a lovely and booming city, and it should not be surrounded by a battery of smoke-spitting stacks (even if some people think that one more big chimney would not be matter for the people in Nanaimo - after all, it is not the neat Victoria...)

I do understand the reason for building such a project on the Island, but in a country with an average population 3 persons per square kilometre, this kind of polluting and ugly-looking structures should not be placed so close to residential areas and tourist spots. Please, try to block this project, as, apart from the local residents' right to breath fresh air, it will cause a lot of damage on the tourism of this region. (If it would not be so, during their vacation, millions of people would go to visit Chernobyl-like wastelands instead of relaxing under the blue sky of Hawaii.)

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Yours truly,



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