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STOP THE GLACIER/HOWSER IPP!!!!!!!!!!

Dear Sir,

In 2005 my husband and I emigrated from the Netherlands to BC Canada. We've worked hard for over 12 years to be able to emigrate to this place. We chose to live in the Kootenays, Kaslo, because of the pristine wilderness that surrounds Kootenay Lake. In Western Europe there is no such pristine wilderness anymore; it has been destroyed by Governments, companies and people many years ago; there are no grizzly bear habitats, no cristal clear creeks, no lushy forested mountains without development on them any more.

That is why we were totally struck by the way the Government of Canada, in particular the BC Government, is misleading the public and has started ruining nature! By passing Bill 30 you have created the possibility for yourself to start selling resources from behind your desks in Victoria, Montreal and Toronto and to overrule local decision making and opinions. This is not Democracy at all!

According to your website eao.gov.bc.ca BC's environmental assessment process is important to ensure that major projects meet goals of environmental, economic and social sustainability. The assessment process examines major projects for potentially adverse environmental, economic, social, heritage and health effects that may occur during the life cycle of these projects. Well, there ARE 'potentially adverse environmental, economic, social, heritage and health effects'. We attended the Kaslo meeting on June 23rd and it was clear that thousands of people from all over the Kootenays are VERY VERY angry with your decision making. We haven't heard ONE argument that could have been in favour of the Glacier/Howser IPP project. The whole project is just evil. Nothing 'green' to it either.

The proposed IPP means the ultimate destruction of the ecosystem and wild life habitat of the Jumbo, Glacier, Howser, Horsethief and Stackdale drainages. I AM TOTALLY AGAINST THE DEVELOPPMENT OF THE GLACIER HOWSER IPP! I have chosen to live in this beautiful area and will do everything I can to support the total STOP of this project. How can it be that so many people who live here and who are against the IPP projects aren't being heard by the Government? It is a shame to see what Canada has made of Democracy.

Sincerely


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