
From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 1:53 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley Mine Re-opening Must be Rejected!

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A concerned Canadian citizen

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 1:59 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mine Restart

I support the restart of Mount Polley. I believe they will operate in a safe and responsible manner. I also believe the mine is vital to the local economy and for employment of people needing jobs. I also believe that the tailings pond break could have been avoided if Mount Polley had been allowed to discharge water from the pond, as they requested to the proper government agency. s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 2:00 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: No Mine

Please do not re-open the Mt. Polley mine. The reasons have already been communicated to you by many.

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From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 2:01 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Cc: Barnett.MLA, Donna LASS:EX
Subject: Application to reopen Mt. Polley

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am opposed to allowing Imperial Metals to re-open the Mount Polley Mine. Based on my discussions with many indigenous peoples, I do not believe that the re-opening of the mine has the support of the majority of peoples of the Secwepemc Nation, nor the general (indigenous and not) populace off reserve. Williams Lake Band council may appear to support this endeavour, but that does not mean that the majority of Williams Lake Band members do support it. Also, Williams Lake Band does not speak for all Secwepemc peoples. The only way to really understand the interests of the Secwepemc and settler peoples of the regions affected, in my opinion, is to create a poll or referendum. Imperial Metals states that they fulfilled their obligation to have community meetings but in no way reports on how they were responded to by the communities. The BC Conservation Service inquiry, in conjunction with the RCMP, Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, is investigating the impacts of the Mt Polley Breach on the environment and their report is not due out until June. Will the results of that investigation be available for the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry of Environment to use in their decision about this re-opening permit application? Why is the deadline for public comment so soon, meaning that we will not have these BC Conservation Service inquiry results available to us by your May 2 deadline for public comment?

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It states in the Water Management Plan (WMP) document (Golder 2015) that the current permit allows 1.4 million cubic mm of water discharge, while at the same time stating that the current discharge could be 3 times that. It also states that onsite levels of Nitrate, Copper, Sulphate, Aluminum, Iron, Selenium and Suspended Solids are above accepted concentrations. The report implies that if the WMP is not pushed through then previously unaffected areas like Bootjack Lake will potentially be impacted. This feels like the threat of contamination of Bootjack Lake is being used to push through the latest permit application. The Return to Restricted Operations permit application implies that they will be working at reduced capacities, although the work suggested is at half load, which is still very substantial. I feel strongly that pushing this Return to Restricted Operations Permit through before the results from the BC Conservation et al inquiry, and a fuller understanding of the actual individual First Nations and settler support or rejection of this permit is unacceptable. Scientists in the area reported a substantial diatom dieoff in the fall of 2014 in Quesnel Lake. Diatoms feed zooplankton that salmon fry consume. Until we better understand the long term impacts of the disaster on the environment, we cannot justify putting any more people, animals and flora in jeopardy by re-opening the mine. The clean-up that has occurred (minimal) barely begins to address the impacts on the environment. I suggest that more time is spent getting an understanding of the long term impacts especially on salmon before any re-opening at any capacity will be considered. The WMP could be put into place without starting up the mine again.

Yours truly,

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 2:01 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Reject the Mt Polley Mine reopening

To Whom It May Concern,

The spill at Mount Polley concerns every British Columbian. It destroyed pristine habitat surrounding the mine and threatened the long term health of BC's deepest lake and everything that lives in or near it. The hazardous chemicals from the tailings pond are likely getting into the salmon which will be travelling through the entire Fraser River. The fact that complaints were made about the operations at Mt Polley prior to the disaster has completely destroyed the public's confidence in the BC Governments ability to manage mining activity safely and protect the public.

If you allow Imperial Metals to reopen the mine at Mount Polley you will be slapping the face of every British Columbian and destroying any shred of credibility which the BC Liberal Party once had.

Please think carefully before destroying the public's faith in your party and government. Please listen to the environmental and health concerns that are being raised by the public instead of listening to the corporate concerns and requests being made by your friends and political donors.

Thank you for your time and for hearing our concerns.
We will be reviewing the results of your decision very carefully.

Sincerely,
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From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 2:02 PM
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Subject: mt. polley mine permit

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Sent: January-01-04 1:52 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt Polley

To whom it may concern,

The Mt. Polley mine should remain closed until every drop of poison is completely removed from Quesnel Lake, Polley Lake and the land and river below the collapsed tailings dam.

The two engineering firms that built and operated the tailings dam should have their credentials reviewed by the courts. Charges should be laid against the company, their directors and managers, and owners (shareholders), with fines used to pay for the cleanup and returning the valley to a pristine condition.

All cleanup operations should be finished before any further operation of the Mt. Polley mine is allowed.

These people will poison your grandchildren's ecosystem. As they have.

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BC residents like myself cannot condone such reckless and irresponsible business practices as Imperial Metals and Mount Polley Mine, nor will we tolerate a provincial government which caters to these corporate criminals. It is clear that they are incapable of running their mine in an environmentally responsible and sustainable way, so they do not deserve the privilege of restarting operations, and certainly not while a criminal investigation into the disaster is still ongoing.

Furthermore, the communities affected reject the project. It is my understanding that the mine site is on Secwepemc First Nations territory. Therefore, Imperial Metals has no right to be there, and no level of government has the right to grant such use of the land in the first place. The full informed consent of the Secwepemc people is required. It's their land, so it's their call, and they say "no".

So I urge you to reject the proposal to re-open the mine. It is the only sensible and responsible decision to make.

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From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 2:08 PM
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Subject: DO NOT re-OPEN the mine!

DON'T. RE-OPEN THE Mt. Polley MINE.

Thanks you for your wisdom,
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Sent: May-01-15 2:11 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX; s.22
Subject: MPMC Polley Lake

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respectfully submitted

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FDR: Jan 20, 1937

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To the B.C. Government,

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Do your jobs and protect our land!!

Sincerely,

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From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 2:27 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Reopening the Mine

Hi there,

My name is s.22 and I would like to formally express my opposition to reopening the Mt. Polley Mine. In light of the grave environmental disasters from the spill in August 2014 it seems illogical to commit to discussions over the future of the mine this soon after the incident especially without the consultation of Indigenous bands.

As a BC resident and a supporter of repairing tarnished relationships between Indigenous peoples, I strongly urge the provincial government to forgo talks about opening the mine until the havoc caused by the spill has actually been contained and the Indigenous peoples affected have given their consent.

Thank you

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Sent from Samsung Mobile

From: s.22
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s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 2:28 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Don't reopen the disastrous mine.

I love BC but I think your environmental beauty is quickly ending. Stop the insanity for future generations!

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 2:34 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Say no to IM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 2:34 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Open Mt. Polley

I very strongly support the reopening of the mine ASAP! I am a s.22 town to keep it running! Thankyou for all your hard work Imperial Metals/Mt. Polley Mines! This is such a fantastic company.

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 2:37 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polly

To whom it may concern,

Please do not give a new permit to open the mine by Imperial Metals for Mount Polley.

The clean up they have undertaken is horrific and not completed. They do not deserve to have their business in BC and destroy our land and salmon.

Sincerely,

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 2:43 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley Clean Up

I find it amazing to see that the BC Liberal sanctioned 'clean-up' of the disaster consists of basically covering the chemical-laden sludge with big rocks.

Ever member of your Government needs to take a long hard look in the mirror.

This is a disgrace.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 2:54 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley

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- a BC Citizen

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 3:01 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Letter of Support

I agree that they should be granted their temporary restart application.

I attend the information meeting in Williams Lake on April 22, 2015. The information given was detailed and was followed by the video on the restoration that has already happened and plans for the future. The company and their employees have worked very hard to accomplish what has already been done. I am proud of their commitment to rehabilitate. The passion of these employees and mine management is to be commended.

The breach was a devastating occurrence for all the people and environment. It happened. Now, we must go forward.

Yours truly,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 3:01 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Reject Mount Polley request to re-open

Dear Minister Polak and Minister Bennett,

s.22 I have only recently become aware of the short window of "public consultation" as an opportunity to voice commentary the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Ministry of Environment's consideration of granting Mount Polley Mining Company of Imperial Metals Inc. the permission to reopen the Mount Polley mine.

Not only is the concept absurd that you would consider granting such a permit to reopen, it is highly insulting and will cost you your reputation and integrity if you make the wrong decision. The people of BC are organizing and will not tolerate politicians making decisions that clearly put corporate interests ahead of those of the public.

I know you may conflate corporate interests with the public interest if you have a narrow understanding of the nature of the public's interest - a view that only sees and acknowledges an "economic" facet without considering the fundamental relationships between people and the environment and between people and other people (eg. First Nations communities). This conflation is a common mistake among politicians and is a result of a specific religious-like belief in an economic ideology often referred to as "neoliberalism". Take care not to be fooled by this narrow and faulty ideological position.

It would be a significant and egregious error to permit Mount Polley mine to reopen rather than ensuring that it remains closed to protect the public and the environment.

As a citizen, s.22 , I implore you to make the right decision by refusing to grant a reopening permit for the Mount Polley mine.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 3:14 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: British Columbia must reject the reopening of Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine without the consent of communities impacted by the tailings disaster

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Signed

s.22

"Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day I can hear her breathing."--Arundhati Roy

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 3:18 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Restart Application

Dear Sirs:

I fully support the restart application of Mount Polley Mines.

Mount Polley has shown their commitment and desire to move ahead with enhanced procedures to ensure that such a tragic occurrence does not happen again.

Their operation is very important to the local community of Likely and surrounding area including Williams lake. I feel that with the changes in operation and inspection the mine is unlikely to have any future problems of this kind.

Yours truly

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 3:26 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Don't reopen Mount Polly

It's simple. The mine had many, many warnings that this tailings ponds was going to breach, and after ignoring them and not properly reinforcing the dam, it did.

There are no second chances for negligence this immense, and the same will apply to you if you neglect to make sure this mine doesn't re-open.

You will be negligent, and you will be doing the wrong thing. You won't be serving the people you are required to per your role, you'll just be serving the rich corporation that owns the mine.

Don't open Mount Polley. That would be extremely reckless and irresponsible.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 3:31 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Please do not reopen the Mount Polley mine

In August of last year, the Mount Polley mine tailings storage failed, causing Canada's largest modern environmental disaster. This mine tailings pond spewed 25 M cubic metres of toxic sludge into the water and contaminated waterways as far as Quesnel. The corporation responsible has not been able to adequately address the tailings and contamination, nor the proper clean up of the area. This water is apparently going right back into our watershed, which means the government is allowing the people to be exposed to harmful cancer causing pollutants without any regard to our safety.

While the Mount Polley mine is under criminal investigation for negligence, it is absurd to reopen it. Please listen to your constituents and the citizens of BC and do not reopen this mine, especially not while it continues to present such a damaging effect on the wildlife, the local economy, and our indigenous peoples and their land. The land needs to be restored, the people need to be consulted, and proper oversight into mining tailings ponds needs to happen immediately.

Sincerely,

s.22

A mightily concerned citizen

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 3:33 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: stop

Stop this disaster from happening again!!!

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 3:35 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Do not re-open Mt. Polley

I have voted Liberal in the past. But if you re-open this mine after such a catastrophe I will never vote for you again. You also should not be accepting donations from companies like Imperial as it is clearly a conflict of interest!

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 3:36 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Reject permit to Mount Polley re-opening

Dear Minister Polak and Minister Bennett,

s.22, I am opposed to the re-opening of the Mount Polley mine and I write to you with concern about reports that your ministries are considering granting a permit to reopen the Mount Polley mine.

As you know this aforementioned mine recently had a large scale "tailings pond" breach as a result of the company's negligence, resulting in contamination of our province's waterways with toxic compounds. This spill has exposed British Columbians to the contaminants' largely unknown long-term effects.

I recently heard of a time period for solicitation of community comments on the decision under consideration, an unfortunately highly under-publicized solicitation by our government. Regardless of the failures by the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Ministry of Environment to adequately seek concerned voices, I expect you to fulfill your duty as elected officials of the public by making the same decision that any reasonable member of the public would make in this case: to firmly deny Mount Polley Mining Company of Imperial Metals Inc. the permission to reopen the Mount Polley mine.

Too many decisions are being made by politicians that do not adequately take into account long term health impacts on the public. I expect you to make the right decision in this case as the people of BC will not accept a decision that does not put the public first.

As a citizen, s.22, I request that you make the right decision and refuse permission to re-open the mine.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 3:41 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Proposed reopening of Mount Polley mine

"British Columbia must reject the reopening of Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine without their consent of communities impacted by the tailings disaster." This is a quotation from a public statement signed by a very large number of reputable organizations. I agree with it. While there are many good reasons to keep this mine from reopening, the fact that the First Nations peoples who are ancestral caretakers of this land don't want it to reopen is first and foremost ... and definitely good enough for me. Shouldn't we listen to those who actually live on this land and stop waging this 500-year war against the aboriginal peoples? Don't even *consider* reopening this mine: Keep it shut down!

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 3:41 PM
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From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 3:42 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: NO to Mount Polley Permit

NO to Mount Polley Permit

Stop poisoning human and other beings for the sake of profit!!

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 3:57 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: MT Polley mine

No is the only appropriate response to the question of reopening it.
s.22

Sent from my iPad

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 4:03 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Re-opening the mine

I find it astounding that there would be any movement by the British Columbia government to re-open the Mt. Polley mine. The irresponsibility of the owners that led to the serious pollution of salmon streams is cause not to re-open the mine. Economic considerations alone should not trump the need to preserve salmon stocks and protect our environment.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 4:03 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Stop the insanity.

You eat or drink money.
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Sent from Windows Mail

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 4:06 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt Polley must NOT be reopened

I am writing to state my very strong objection to the prospect that Mt. Polley mine be reopened.

It is setting a very bad precedent to allow a company with such a terrible record, who are responsible for the worst mining disaster in BC history, to continue business as usual. There should be nothing short of a liquidation of this company's assets to pay for the ongoing environmental and local economic damage caused by this disaster. Allowing them to reopen the mine is essentially telling them and other mining companies that it is OK to be negligent, and that taxpayers will cover for their failures. This is completely unacceptable.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 4:32 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX; inquiries@imperialmetals.com
Subject: In support of the Mount Polley Mine permitting process

May 1, 2015

To whom it may concern,

We would like to express our support of the re-start process of Mount Polley Mine.

We expect the Imperial Metals to continue meeting the attainable environmental requirements put forth by the Ministry of Environment for Province of BC, as we believe, they have been doing since last year's disaster happened.

The citizens of the City of Williams Lake need these jobs and the economic benefits that spin off these jobs create to keep our city flourishing.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 4:33 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Do not re-open Mount Polley

I am opposed to the re-opening of Imperial Metals Mt Polley mine, the site of one of the biggest environmental disasters in Canadian history.

The company remains under criminal investigation for gross negligence leading up to the massive failure of the tailings storage facility at the Mount Polley mine.

The Secwepemc people have not given their unanimous free, prior, and informed consent to Imperial Metals Corporation projects on their territories. Neither have the people of Likely, BC.

Insufficient effort has been made by Mt Polley Mining Corporation to remediate the land affected by the release of 25 million cubic metres of toxic sludge.

The company's plans to release "treated" mining wastewater back into the watershed and potentially use Quesnel Lake as the site of discharge is unacceptable.

The re-opening of this mine would be furthering an ongoing catastrophe.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 4:39 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Please don't reopen the mine

I'm just writing to add my voice to the huge number of people imploring you not to allow the reopening of the environmental catastrophe that is the Mt Polley Mine, and least of all by a company still under criminal investigation for that disaster. Though that really should be obvious.

Sincerely

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 4:51 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: We say no!

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is s.22 and stand in solidarity with the Secwepemc Nation. I do not approve of the reopening of this mine after the devastating impact it has had on the land and water. As someone who grew up swimming, fishing, canoeing on Quesnel lake I am appalled that they are even considering reopening it. The cost is too high. Water is life, we cannot live without water. That should be enough to protect it with integrity and honour. Stand up for the people, the salmon, the animals, and all life. Do what is right!

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 4:52 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Please Listen

The fact that you are even considering the reopening of the mine speaks volumes to where your priorities are at. I would like to pose a few questions to you: What kind of planet would you like your children to grow up on? One that will sustain their lives or one that will kill them? Where do you think our food and water comes from? Outer space? No. We need to take a look at the ways in which we are poisoning this earth and hold those responsible, accountable for their actions. How can you sleep at night, tuck your children into bed and tell them everything will be ok? Because if you continue to make decisions that contribute to the death of our planet, most assuredly your offspring along with the rest of the planet will not survive. ENOUGH is ENOUGH!!!!!!!

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 4:59 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt Polley has done enough

Would you please be reasonable and not let the mine open. There are many reasons to go slowly and listen to all sides. It is difficult to trust after faith has been broken. How could such a disaster be allowed to happen? Our indigenous peoples have put up with enough, ask them if they want the mine to open, what is in it for them. Ask the animals and birds and fish in the area how they feel about the mine reopening. Please do the right thing not the money thing.
Sincerely, s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 5:10 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Do not re-open Mount Polley

Watching business's come and go from our community is getting to be a drag. With Mount Polley going back into production we would see families stay and spend here. s.22

. We need that mine for the surrounding families. I don't want it to happen without proper permits and such in place and to know that there wont be long waits for permits in the future as that seems to be where things tend to fall apart. I Hope we get it happening.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 5:20 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Please open the mine

As a citizen of Williams Lake I implore you to re- open Polly Mine .

We are a small but very tight knit community . We care about each other . We support each other .

It is devastating to see Williams Lake and surrounding areas suffer from the closure of Mt. polly . It has devastated so many people and families :(

Please hear our pleas and re- open Mt Polly .

Sincerely

s.22

Sent from my iPad

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 5:20 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount polley

Hi I just wanted to email
My support of the mine reopening s.22

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 5:22 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt Polley mine

Please opppose the re-opening of the Mt. Polley mine. You don't need me to tell you why.
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 5:26 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Concerns with Mount Polley Mine Reopenning

Hello,

I am very concerned with the application to have Mount Polley reopened. I am not satisfied that the spill has been adequately cleaned, that the factors leading to the spill have been thoroughly investigated, or that the communities affected have had their concerns properly addressed. Moreover, the Secwepemc First Nation has remained opposed to the reopening of the mine on their traditional territory and I expect the provincial government to respect their sovereignty.

As a citizen of British Columbia I would strongly oppose the reopening of the mine.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 5:31 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt Polley mine

To the Cariboo Region Mine Development Review Committee:

I urge you to reject the re-opening of the Mt. Polley Mine owned by Imperial Metals Corporation. You do not have the consent of the Secwepemc people and all the people in the area to go ahead. The people living on the Quesnel and Fraser River watersheds depend on the health of the river systems for their food and their own health. For shame!

There has not been sufficient clean-up from the environmental catastrophe in August 2014 and little assurance that it might not happen again. The spilled tailings waste has ruined Polley Lake, Hazeltine Creek, Etney Creek, and Quesnel Lake. We in the Yukon are well aware of the damage that can be done and are dismayed that our neighbour to the south is not heeding our experience and warning.

There is still time for the Government of BC to do the right thing.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 5:32 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt Polley

You have no legal or moral right to open this mine until all the concerns of all the people affected by the earlier disaster at your mine have been remediated. It behooves you to act in an environmentally friendly manner and would set an example of a company acting correctly. This would not go unnoticed by the public and even our shareholders!

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Puto ergo sum

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 5:33 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt Polley Re-opening letter of comment

Re: comments regarding Imperial Metals' request to re-open their Mount Polley mine.

To Whom It May Concern:

While an expert Panel review was released at the end of January, no entity or person has been held directly responsible for the 25 million cubic metres of toxic effluent, metals, medical biohazard and mining-related chemicals that are now in the environment. The minimal clean-up that has occurred barely begins to address the impacts on the environment. There are still two pending investigations taking place. The severity of the damage created by the Mt. Polley disaster remains unknown and yet you, the B.C. government, are now considering a reopening of the mine. Given all of the above, it seems premature to restart the mine that caused the "largest environmental disaster in B.C.'s history".

Given that Imperial Metals did not follow the approved design specifications of their containment walls (ignoring slope, height and material specifications), how can we expect the company to properly correct the dam and other facilities for the mine to re-start? In addition, how can the public be confident that B.C. regulations have strengthened to prevent further disaster when nothing's changed yet, and the original project was carried out in accordance with B.C. regulations?

From the application, there are still many doubts and concerns. Given the water bodies that have been impacted by the disaster, it seems negligent to approve a design that may contaminate yet another, namely Bootjack Lake. There is no long-term plan to handle the large amounts of water it will need to treat in perpetuity. In fact, Imperial Metals has outlined not an actual water treatment plan, but a plan for a plan (to be complete by the end of April 2016; and then a typical Imperial Metals' self-imposed rush deadline to build it within 90 days that could lead to more corners cut).

The tailings from Mount Polley, while not acid-generating to date, are not benign. Over the years, the toxic metals and waste oxidize and react posing more risks to nearby watersheds. This proposal, that includes potential discharges into various watersheds, does not adequately address the waste stream from the mine and long-term impacts.

This application for restart (as well as Imperial Metals' request for a permanent permit for Red Chris) appears to indicate huge flaws in the British Columbia's bond and liability insurance limits. Should the company responsible for the largest mining disaster in Canada's history really be granted permits to continue operating less than a year later just to keep them afloat? No. The safety and health of both communities and watersheds, as well as the integrity of the whole mining industry in B.C., is at stake. This permit application from Imperial Metals to restart

Mount Polley does not evoke public confidence that anything's changed in B.C. when it comes to regulating mining practices. We have to live with the legacies of wet tailings dams forever. We need to make regulatory changes and need to make sure we get it right. Providing this permit is not getting it right.

I highly recommend that the B.C. government deny Imperial Metals a permit to restart their Mount Polley mine.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 6:02 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Reopening of Mt Polley mine

Liberal gov of BC you would be demonstrating poor leadership to reopen the Mt Polley at this point. Until all communities impacted have unanimously given their explicit free, prior, and informed consent to any and all project plans, timelines, and methods, with caveats, special requirements, and timelines that are on their own terms, and until a third-party team of observers, individually selected by the ancestral authorities of the area and with full access to all areas of the Mount Polley Mine site and all areas of the area affected by the tailings failure, has reported that IMC/MPMC has fulfilled their duty to clean up the affected area, this permit should be rejected.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 6:06 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: no reopening of mt polley mine

These sites must NOT be reopened without the full consent of the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

s.22

“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.” Dalai Lama “Sé amable cada vez que puedas. De hecho, siempre es posible.” Dalai Lama
s.22

Did you know that April 20 is Equal Pay Day in Ontario?

- women need to work that many extra days to make the same income as men in the previous year: EqualPayCoalition.org

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From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 6:09 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount polley mine permit.

Hello. The approval of the Mount Polley mine restart permit would have many benefits for the cariboo region as well as BC. Yah the dam breach was and is a really bad environmental event. At the same time tho a lot has been learned and improved in the mining industry since then.

I approve and support the Mount Polley Mine permit for a restart of mining and processing operations.

s.22

MtPolleyMinePermit@gov.bc.ca

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 6:18 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley Mine

May 1, 2015

Mount Polley Mine

British Columbia must reject the reopening of Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine. This is a matter of urgent concern.

On August 4, 2014, the tailings storage facility at the Mount Polley Mine, near Likely, BC, and owned by Imperial Metals Corporation (IMC), had a catastrophic failure, allowing approximately 25 millions of cubic metres of toxic sludge and contaminated water to rush into nearby Polley Lake and seven kilometers down Hazeltine Creek to Quesnel Lake. This spill is one of the biggest environmental disasters in modern Canadian history.

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Criminal Investigation The company remains under criminal investigation for gross negligence leading up to the massive failure of the tailings storage facility at the Mount Polley mine.

Consent of Communities The lands to which Imperial Metals Corporation (IMC) has acquired access through provincial and federal permitting are the contested, occupied, traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Secwepemc people. The Secwepemc people have not given their unanimous free, prior, and informed consent to the projects on their territories. Neither have the people of Likely, BC.

Consideration of this permit should be rejected until (i) all communities impacted have unanimously given their explicit free, prior, and informed consent to any and all project plans, timelines, and methods, with caveats, special requirements, and timelines that are on their own terms, and (ii) a third-party team of observers, individually selected by the ancestral authorities of the area and with full access to all areas of the Mount Polley Mine site and all areas of the area affected by the tailings failure, has reported that IMC/MPMC has fulfilled their duty to clean up the affected area.

Neglect and Greed MPMC has demonstrated a pattern of opting to maximize profits at the expense of the land and ecosystems their operations threaten. The managers of MPMC ignored repeated warnings from consultants and employees regarding the unsafe condition of the tailings storage facility, workplace health and safety, and other environmental discharges.

Clean Up and Remediation Until the IMC has removed every cubic meter of spilled tailings waste to the tailings storage facility, has returned the destroyed land to its original condition, and has returned the water and bed conditions of Polley Lake, Hazeltine Creek, Etney Creek, and Quesnel Lake to their pre-spill conditions, the re-opening of this mine would be furthering an ongoing catastrophe.

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s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 6:26 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mine reopening

Just thinking about reopening this mine is insane. If you do chose to do so, putting a huge amount of our environment at risk, I will insure that a large number of people will not only not vote for you but will actively work against in the next election. You are not Harper, put our land ahead of big bisness.

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 6:37 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount polley mine permit

Hello.

As a resident of the Cariboo area and Williams Lake I have seen the down turn in the local economy. When the lay offs started at Mount Polley Mine the area was greatly effected. Lots of people said " it's only 30 jobs lost, no big deal". Well yah it started with 30, but lots of people didn't see the mechanic shops, hair solons, and shopping centres slow down. When the next round of layoffs came around it really started to hit home for lots of folks. This area of BC Needs the jobs, we need the mine to run to keep family's working and living here. I know, I spent 8 years working away from home and that's very hard on family's.

Yes I support the Mount Polley Mine Permit.

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 6:52 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX

To whom it may concern:

s.22

playing, swimming, fishing and drinking Quesnel Lakes crystal clear glacial water. Now the pea soup colored water is enough to make me cry when I see it. It is a tragedy what occurred there. Sadly we cannot go back and change what happened. But we can learn from this mistake and protect what is left of the pristine area. We can also hold the mine responsible for what they have done. When people kill people we don't just give them fines and let them out to do it again. They destroyed the lake and the effects will be felt for generations.

I am writing to oppose and reject the reopening of Mount Polley Mine with all my heart.

Please respect the people this effects and respect the Earth as well,

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 6:55 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: restart Polley Mine

To Ministry of Environment,

Mount Polley Mine should never be allowed to restart until all restoration work has been completed. This includes, restoration work to Polley Lake, Hazeltine Creek, and to return the waters of Quesnel Lake to pre breach condition.

The mine is responsible for this disaster and anything less than full restoration is unacceptable. All waters must be contained on site !!

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 7:00 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: reopening

I believe Mt Polley should be allowed to re open and Gov. Inspections should happen on a regular basis but they should submit daily readings onto the Gov. Web site for the inspectors and the public to be able to look at. if possible Web cams should be installed.

We need the employment so if they can tow the line let it happen. We don't all live on Government hand outs and have worked hard all our lives to pay our share of taxes so save our jobs and our land.

Thank you
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 7:17 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley Mine Re-opening Must be Rejected

British Columbia must reject the re-opening of Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine. Until all communities impacted by the tailings disaster last August, one of the most devastating mining disasters in history, have unanimously given their explicit free, prior, and informed consent, it would be irresponsible of the province to accept the application for a restricted re-opening of the mine. Imperial Metals is still under criminal investigation for gross negligence leading up to the massive failure of the tailings storage facility and has yet to completely remediate the destroyed land and lake, so how can anyone possibly justify allowing the mine to re-open in any capacity? Please recognize that protecting the Canadian people and our environment must be given higher priority than corporate profits. Please do the sensible thing and reject this application!

Regards.
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 7:23 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: RE Start.

To whom it may concern,

I support the restart of the Mount Polley Mine. s.22

I can also say that the workforce at the Mine is very concerned about their jobs and where they will go if they lose them. There are a lot of people with family's and children that will suffer a great deal if Mount Polley shuts down. All of this i am sure you already know, I am just another person that is writing a letter to you, showing my support for the restart and for the Likely and Williams Lake area.

Thank you,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 7:24 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: please do *not* re-open the Mt. Polley mine

To whom it may concern,

Please do not permit the Mt. Polley mine to re-open. As a BC voter I implore you to respect Indigenous sovereignty and not re-open the mine.

sincerely,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 7:32 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: My Polley Mine

Honourable Members

It is inconceivable that you would consider re-opening the Mt Polley mine without the consent and active participation of the local communities. We need to think with a broader and more comprehensive, responsible perspective and find a way to use our natural resources in proportion to what can be supported by the surrounding ecosystem.

Please do not act unilaterally,

Sincerely, s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 7:35 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: reopening of Mt. Polley mine

I would sincerely hope that the BC government will long and hard at the idea of reopening the Mount Polley mine. I have applauded many of the other environmental initiatives your province has taken so I find it especially concerning that you would, in any way, jeopardize the ecological balance of such a pristine area to say nothing of your apparent disregard for the rightful owners of that land. Hopefully someday Canada will have an Environmental Bill of Rights which will protect all Canadians from such apparent greed.

Yours sincerely,

s.22

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s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 7:52 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley

To whom it my concern
s.22

Thank you and YES To restart!
s.22

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 7:55 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Please do not allow the re-opening og the Mt Polley Mine

until the company has cleaned up the environmental mess. For the sake of our children and grandchildren let us try to stop the continuing abuse of the environment.

Thank you.

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s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 7:56 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Recommendation

Never open Mt.Polley again s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 8:05 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Reopening of Imperial Metals Mount Polley mine

To the persons responsible for making the decision to permit the re-opening of the Imperial Metals Mount Polley mine and Premier Christy Clark,

There is still time for your government to do the right thing and stop Imperial Metals from ever again destroying the environment in BC. I hardly think given their track record you should even be considering this application, regardless of how much money your party receives from them or how many potential tax dollars their operation might generate. This company has shown no remorse, very little reparation, and until they have removed every cubic meter of contaminated soil and returned the affected area to it's original condition NO consideration should be given to them to re-open this mine. Their obvious disregard for safety in the past and their lack of response to do anything about the damage they've caused speaks volumes as to what their future intentions will be. Of course your government's lack of response speaks volumes as well, and your party needs to enforce a cleanup entirely funded by Imperial Metals. Should that bankrupt them, so be it. I won't lose any sleep over their demise. If saving the environment and actually representing the people on the ground who voted for you isn't incentive enough, you might want to consider that your decisions regarding this environmental disaster and it's perpetrator will not be forgotten come the next election.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 8:07 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: DON'T REOPEN IT!

Do not re-open the mine. Imperial Metals shouldn't be allowed to do business in this province anymore, forever and all time, for their utter failure.

And yours, if you let them get back to business.
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 8:31 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: When does it stop?

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From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 8:37 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Public Comments Re: Mt. Polley Mine

I find it shocking that the British Columbia government is planning to reopen the Mt. Polley Mine without the consent of the communities that were adversely affected by the tailings disaster. As a once and future BC resident, I urge the government to reconsider this short sighted decision.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 8:38 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley mine

To whom this concerns,

The re-opening of the Mount Polley mine concerns me deeply in the way that it is being administrated - indeed for the way it was handled entirely from day one.

As I stand here (pace, in fact), one handedly putting my two year to sleep and other-handedly typing this note because it's the only time I have to even hope that this note has any effect on those that I am addressing.

I therefore include the following statement as representing me and my family in our stand against the re-opening of the mine and I hope that it will be forgiven that I've not the energy to craft such a well written piece as my work and parenting responsibilities must precede everything else at the moment.

Please recognize the statement below to be reflective of me and my family and re-consider the process by which the mine is or isn't re-opened.

Public Statement

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Signed.
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 8:52 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Comments on proposal to restart operations at Mount Polley

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the applications by Mount Polley Mining Corporation to amend their Environmental Management Act and Mines Act Permits.

I didn't live in this area at the time this mine was approved so I don't have any personal knowledge of what happened at that time but I feel it is necessary to review the history of this project in order to place the August 4 disaster and the current application to restart operations in the proper context.

Fortunately, a submission to the *Mount Polley Independent Expert Engineering Investigation and Review Panel* by the Environmental Law Center from the University of Victoria includes a comprehensive documentation of the approval of the Mount Polley Mine. According to this submission, *a key issue for the public and First Nations concerning approval of the Mount Polley Mine was impacts to pristine or near pristine water bodies such as Hazeltine Creek, Polley Lake and Quesnel Lake. This issue was so significant that Imperial Metals agreed there would be no discharges from the tailings pond or pits. No effluent discharge was a key condition of mine approval and Imperial Metals committed to maximum recycle of tailings and pit water, evaporation enhancing techniques and, if necessary, raising the tailings pond berm height to maintain an allowable freeboard to achieve a negative balance in the tailings pond.* At this point in time I can't help but wonder about the sincerity and/or the feasibility of this commitment.

It is commonly accepted that creation of jobs through mining will come at a cost, both short and long term, to the environment, to local residents and to the general public. The question for decision makers is at what point are the costs too high to be justified? I can imagine that at times it can be difficult to weigh the costs (including long term risks) and the benefits but in this situation it is clear that the impact of the failure of the TSF far outweighs the short-term economic benefits.

I don't have enough information to form an opinion on whether or not the mine should be allowed to re-start operation, but I feel strongly that Mount Polley Mines shouldn't be allowed any additional discharges into the environment. They have used more than their share of the natural environment's ability to absorb pollution and it would be a travesty if they were permitted to add to the damage!

This mine was approved on the basis of no discharge from tailings ponds or pits and this should be the requirement for any restart of operations.

Another important consideration relating to this application is the credibility of the applicant. There was evidence suggesting negligence as a contributing factor to failure of the TSF embankment and there are outstanding investigations. I think the public may be reluctant to share any additional risks with this company and is expecting someone to be held accountable for this disaster.

In addition, any approval for a restart of this mining operation would not be legitimate without the approval of local First Nations and other impacted communities.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 9:03 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Polly mines

Yes to Polly reopening s.22

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 9:06 PM
To: Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX; don.davies@parl.gc.ca; MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Letter Against Mt Polley Mine Re-opening

To Whom it May Concern,

I am very opposed to allowing Imperial Metals to re-open the Mount Polley Mine. Based on my discussions with many indigenous peoples, I do not believe that the re-opening of the mine has the support of the majority of peoples of the Secwepemc Nation, nor the general (indigenous and not) populace off reserve. Williams Lake Band council may appear to support this endeavour, but that does not mean that the majority of Williams Lake Band members do support it. Also, Williams Lake Band does not speak for all Secwepemc peoples. The only way to really understand the interests of the Secwepemc and settler peoples of the regions affected, in my opinion, is to create a poll or referendum. Imperial Metals states that they fulfilled their obligation to have community meetings but in no way reports on how they were responded to by the communities. The BC Conservation Service inquiry, in conjunction with the RCMP, Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, is investigating the impacts of the Mt Polley Breech on the environment and their report is not due out until June. Will the results of that investigation be available for the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry of Environment to use in their decision about this re-opening permit application? Why is the deadline for public comment so soon, meaning that we will not have these BC Conservation Service inquiry results available to us by your May 2 deadline for public comment?

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It states in the Water Management Plan (WMP) document (Golder 2015) that the current permit allows 1.4 million cubic mm of water discharge, while at the same time stating that the current discharge could be 3 times that. It also states that onsite levels of Nitrate, Copper, Sulphate, Aluminum, Iron, Selenium and Suspended Solids are above accepted concentrations. The report implies that if the WMP is not pushed through then previously unaffected areas like Bootjack Lake will potentially be impacted. This feels like the threat of contamination of Bootjack Lake is being used to push through the latest permit application. The Return to Restricted Operations permit application implies that they will be working at reduced capacities, although the work suggested is at half load, which is still very substantial. I feel strongly that pushing this Return to Restricted Operations Permit through before the results from the BC Conservation et al inquiry, and a fuller understanding of the actual individual First Nations and settler support or rejection of this permit is unacceptable. Scientists in the area reported a substantial diatom dieoff in the fall of 2014 in Quesnel Lake. Diatoms feed zooplankton that salmon fry consume. Until we better understand the long term impacts of the disaster on the environment, we cannot justify putting any more people, animals and flora in jeopardy by re-opening the mine. The clean-up that has occurred (minimal) barely begins to address the impacts on the environment. I suggest that more time is spent getting an understanding of the long term impacts especially on salmon before any re-opening at any capacity will be considered. The WMP could be put into place without starting up the

mine again.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 9:11 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Please reject the reopening of the Mt. Polley mine

To Whom It May Concern:

I urge my Government of British Columbia to reject the reopening of Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine. If this permit is allowed it is without the consent of all of the indigenous and other communities who were impacted by the tailings disaster.

The Government of British Columbia is failing the indigenous people of Secwepemc territories, the residents of Likely, BC and those living on the Quesnel and Fraser River watersheds.

The Government should definitely not even be considering a permit of any kind for Imperial Metals while the company remains under criminal investigation for gross negligence leading up to the massive failure of the tailings storage facility at the Mount Polley mine.

This is the time for the provincial government to do the right thing.

I call on our Premier needs to act now to demonstrate her government's commitment to respecting and upholding the rights of Indigenous peoples and the people of B.C.

Sincerely,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 9:20 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt Polley Mine Permit

This letter is to voice my support of the permit being issued & the continuation of research for longterm water management at the Mt Polley Mine. After attending the presentation provided by imperial metals regarding the clean up efforts, ongoing permit applications & water management research at the Mt Polley Mine site, I realize how important the re-opening of the mine is to the community s.22
Please support our community & the vast efforts made by the workers at the Mt Polley Mine by approving the permit .

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 9:26 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Support

I give mv support for Mount Polley Mine to be reopened. Thankyou^{s.22}

Sent from Samsung Mobile

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 11:41 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: #ImerialNoMore

1 May 2015

Public Statement

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Water Wealth Project

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 9:40 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Don't reopen it.

Plane and simple don't open it. You have destroyed so much already ready.

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 9:43 PM
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From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 10:04 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt. Polley Mine

Please do not even consider reopening this mine! It is a disaster and the "clean up" that is shown proves that it is beyond redemption. Mere money is not worth the environmental, health, and social devastation that reopening this mine will cause on top of that which has already occurred. The forward thinking people of B.C. and Canada do not approve of plans for the reopening of this mine.

Sincerely,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 10:17 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: No mine reopening

To the Government of British Columbia,

Please accept this email as a request for the BC government to reject the reopening of Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine.

Beyond the significant ecological and community damage of Imperial Metals' Mt Polley tailings spill that had not been resolved, the BC government has not consulted local communities about the reopening. As a body that is to serve all people of this province equally, this is an abhorrent practice by the government and discriminatory to those affected by the tailings spill.

Furthermore, Imperial Metals is under criminal investigation for gross negligence related to the failure of the tailings pond.

Regards,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 10:21 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Re: opening the mine

R u kidding us,

Imperial mine management should be in jail and the mine should not open again under the same company caused the disaster.

Kind Regards,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 11:36 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Re-open the mine! (Carefully)

s.22

and feel emotionally attached to the whole Quesnel Lake area. I was devastated, sick to my stomach, when the disaster at Mt Polley Mine happened. My children, who grew up there, cried. But we can't continue to live like that, stuck in a state of horror and shock. If we want Likely to continue to exist, we need to *move forward* in the best way humanly possible. The people of Likely are resourceful and resilient. Allowing the mine to re-open and the company to help with the rebuilding of confidence, security, and environmental integrity in the area is the best option. In my mind, it's similar to restorative justice; we *need* to allow Imperial Metals to help "right the wrong."

The people of Likely deserve every chance to continue to live and work in the place so many love and cherish. Without the economic benefits employment brings, a beautiful community will be unsustainable, people will be forced to leave. That would add a further damaging insult to the village, caused not by the mine this time, but by people who can't see past the disaster and insist on punishing the company. They will be "cutting off their nose to spite their face" and Likely will suffer their misplaced revenge. Please don't let that happen.

Sincerely,
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From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 12:10 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt. Polley Mine Permit

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From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 12:24 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt Polley Mine Concerns

Under no circumstances should the Mt. Polley mine be reopened. The company has proven itself to be entirely untrustworthy and incompetent. The company's executive would be in prison already if there was any justice in these lands.

All the best,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 12:27 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Cc: s.22
Subject: Re: Oppose to Reopening Mt Polley Mine

Weytk, Hello. s.22
receiving any permits from the provincial government. As you are aware, s.22

I am writing as a formal opposition to the Mount Polley from

We are both aware that two bands have signed agreements with the mine and province, but that does NOT mean that Imperial Metals has s.22

There are many reasons that I myself am opposed to this reopening permit. s.22

I have personally physically monitored the disaster site and seen that the tailings are still coating from the site of the dam breach through the basin of Hazeltine Creek. I saw that tailings still cling onto the cedar branches along Hazeltine Creek. My last visit to the site was on April 5, 2015. I saw the "sediment ponds" at the mouth of Hazeltine and saw that the sediment of the toxic tailings has not been cleaned, I saw that the toxic sediment flows directly into Quesnel Lake. I have witness the color of Quesnel Lake and River have changed color from the tailings that entered and continues to flow downstream, which flows right into the Fraser River, a watershed for 63% of the province.

I have heard directly at Mount Polley meetings organized by government and Imperial Metals, both in Likely and Williams Lake, where government workers have agreed this disaster was just too big for Imperial or government to deal with, to clean up. That tailings and discharge continued to flow into Hazeltine Creek from Polley Lake (tailings contamination) and into Quesnel, this happened for months without a permit.

I have documented my visits. My first visit was with s.22 . My second visit, I documented with a
film team, which is s.22 . and my last visit with a s.22 .

I have so much more to tell. But their is much risk. when dealing with Indigenous dispute to a project. We demand that the permit not be given to
Mount Polley Imperial Metals. s.22 called on a Global Day of Action to Stop Mount Polley from Reopening
on April 29, 2015. Protests and Actions were coordinated in Vancouver, Kamloops, Toronto, Winnipeg, Montreal, Los Angeles (at Canadian
Consulate) and Portland. There is lots of opposition to this permit from being given. We say NO to the Mount Polley, This is Secwepemc Land, s.22
. I will let you know that their will be great conflict and confrontation if this mine is given a permit to

Reopen. We have already recieved lots of news attention in thebusiness section. I am forwarding this around to the tens of thousands of contacts that I have to let them know you do not have consent.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 12:27 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: re: opening the mine

To whom it concerns

As a s.22
depend on it.

As the s.22
and should be given a chance to start up while continuing to improve.
thanking you,

s.22

to know if even partial reopening is possible as the livelihood of many

I feel the mine officials have try'd hard to conform and improve conditions

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 12:38 AM
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People's lives and way of life is at stake. Until a complete cleanup of the tailing pond spills disaster is done, there is a risk of killing or, perhaps worse, genetically mutating the salmon. The people who live there, and who rely on the salmon, should be the ones who decide when they feel safe to let mining resume.

The life of our environment, and of our First Nations, is much more important than the profit and loss statement of a company.

Please do not re-open the mine until there is proof of total cleanup, proof that is accepted by the Secwepem and Lively and other communities impacted by this catastrophic environmental disaster.

Thank you for your care and stewardship of our common environment.

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From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:55 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley -- why is BC even considering providing permission to re-open?

s.22

I know people who recently visit the area and were able to document that there is no mayor work been done in order to try to address the disaster after the negligence of the company Imperial Metals. Is that the way are address this issues also in other countries? or it is even worse?

It is just inconceivable that this company is planning to re-open without even trying to effectively clean the mess created. There are millions of human and non-human beings' lives in play. These pictures where taken to illustrate the disaster left there; [photo-essay](#) published by Nicky Young.

I encourage BC's authorities **to reject the authorization of Imperial Metals to re-open** and any other company have any type of activity in that area and surroundings until a detailed and independent asses and cleaning and remediation of the are, is being done.

I hope this message its is considered.

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s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 2:19 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Keep it closed!

Dear Madames/Sirs,

Please do not allow the Mother Nature killers to reopen. Use common sense and keep em closed. Have they even finished cleaning up the mess that they made last year?

pax,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 2:53 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Polly

Not sure what you all think by reopening the mine .i do not consent to it being bc resident.also i find i wrong that you would continue when the community strongly objects.if you would kindly stop the mine from continuing to further endanger our beautiful lakes.and by that i mean quit mining in that area.please and thanks.i also beleive that comunity is owed an apology for the previous disaster in which that mine created.

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Sent: May-02-15 3:54 AM
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I'd like to put my name in, in favour of reopening the mt Polley mine. At least let us finish cleaning up our mess, then see about the rest afterward. If we don't get this temporary permit it will be up to the tax payers to foot the bill for the cleanup and we don't want that!

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

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s.22

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Sent: May-02-15 6:10 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mine

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s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 6:41 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Reject Mt Polley Mine Re-Opening

Dear Government of BC,

As a BC resident one of the reasons I am proud to call BC home is our extensive natural landscape, beautiful waterways, and unblemished wilderness. The BC Government needs to do more to preserve these assets, and to preserve the way of life of indigenous peoples.

BC must reject the reopening of Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine. The risk of pollution to our watersheds and rivers is too great. On 04 August 2014, the tailings storage facility at the Mount Polley Mine, near Likely, BC, and owned by Imperial Metals Corporation (IMC), had a catastrophic failure, allowing approximately 25 millions of cubic metres of toxic sludge and contaminated water to rush into nearby Polley Lake and 7 kilometres down Hazeltine Creek to Quesnel Lake. **This spill is one of the biggest environmental disasters in modern Canadian history.**

The cause of this spill has not been appropriately addressed, and the clean up so far is a joke. How is further pollution going to be prevented if the mine re-opens?

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From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 7:13 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Do not re-open Mount Polley

This company has been extremely negligent with their safety record where the tailings ponds are concerned, therefore I believe strongly that they should not be allowed to reopen. The spill was avoidable if they had fixed and heightened the tailings pond. The pollution of the habitat and drinking water of the people living nearby is atrocious. Time to shut them down before another spill happens.

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From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 7:42 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Where are your heads?

That mine should not be reopened again. The cost is too high. Do you people bother to visit the site and see the devastation or are you all blind, thick and stupid? Time for government to get responsible to those they're supposed to represent, the people, and not corporations. Not that I believe Christy will do the right thing. From what I've read, she's been bought and paid in political donations, just like an aging whore. Still, it's worth writing in as it makes it harder for you twunts to feign ignorance of the public's will.

From: s.22
Sent: May-01-15 4:59 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX

s.22 many pleases and mt polley is mv favorite. im so sick of all the nay sawyer. s.22
we new what was going and new of the waiting game to move the dam
what happened sucks like really really really suck but mt polley is a job opportunity that employed so many young adults and parents.

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 8:10 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: We vehemently oppose the re-opening of the largest industrial disaster in Canadian history.

Corrupt BC government,

We do not approve of your shilling for environmental destruction, foreign interests, and downloading costs onto the backs of our grandchildren for your personal gain.

You will not re-open this disaster area, as the clean-up is not complete, nor is the full assessment, the guilty parties have not been held accountable, and that includes you.

Regards,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 8:31 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Re-opening mine?

British Columbia must reject the reopening of Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine without their consent of communities impacted by the tailings disaster.

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s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 8:33 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Don't reopen Mount Polley Mine until IMC has fulfilled it's responsibility to return the landscape to pre-spill conditions!

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To see a government act on behalf of its constituents, instead of on the basis of greed and self interest, would be truly groundbreaking. You can rest assured that a strong move on behalf of British Columbians would not go unnoticed, and would certainly be reflected in your party's popularity province wide. This country needs their political leaders to take strong, moral stands for the people they represent, instead of being so quick to prioritize campaign contributions and profits over public opinion.

Sincerely, ^{s.22}

(submitting this message on behalf of every fellow citizen I have discussed this issue with)

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 8:38 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: mtpolleymine

To consider reopening this mine when such blatant , callous and dangerous disregard for minimal set standards was conducted is wrong. Greed seems to be the only factor driving the industry.

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 8:40 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Cc: James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX
Subject: do not reopen the Mt Polley mine

Dear Minister:

The failing of the dam at the Mount Polley mine created one of the worst environmental disasters in BC history. It is unconscionable that the government would even consider re-opening this mine.

As a citizen, I urge you to reject this proposal and to continue to clean up the damage that has already been done to the waterways and the communities around Adams Lake.

Sincerely,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 8:48 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Common sense please

Please, for obvious reasons, do not reward those who caused this terrible, inexcusable, and preventable disaster by allowing them to continue making money while risking our previous environment. Reward instead the citizens of British Columbia. Some acts of omission deserve serious consequences, and this is definitively one of them.
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 9:01 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley Re-Opening

So I recently heard that you plan to allow Mount Polley to re-open, I have friends who work there.

Please keep the mine closed and hold it responsible for the damage it has done. Outside of oil production there is no industry where you can obliterate 14 kilometers of forest and contaminate lakes with no repercussions.

Mount Polley's leadership proved incompetent and failed to adhere to provincial and federal safety guidelines. In other countries like the United States it's leadership would face criminal charges for criminal negligence.

Mount Polley's re-opening can only mean more financial and environmental losses for the Province of British Columbia. My friends up in Likely, BC who work the mines argue that "It was just a little mud" and "Nobody lives in those forests, the spill didn't kill anyone".

A "little" mud and not killing anyone isn't a good enough reason to re-open a time bomb. Please re-consider your decision and think of the many investment's and decisions our province can make that aren't extremely high risk with little chance of return on investment.

Sincerely
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 9:28 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Reject reopening Mt. Polley..

These idiots have lost social licence to operate in our province....they may be bankrolling Krusty and the rest of her Klowns but they have no business being here..

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 9:36 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX

To Whom it May Concern,

I am very opposed to allowing Imperial Metals to re-open the Mount Polley Mine.

The BC Conservation Service inquiry, in conjunction with the RCMP, Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, is investigating the impacts of the Mt Polley Breech on the environment and their report is not due out until June. Will the results of that investigation be available for the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry of Environment to use in their decision about this re-opening permit application? Why is the deadline for public comment so soon, meaning that we will not have these BC Conservation Service inquiry results available to us by your May 2 deadline for public comment?

The Return to Restricted Operations permit application implies that they will be working at reduced capacities, although the work suggested is at half load, which is still very substantial. I feel strongly that pushing this Return to Restricted Operations Permit through before the results from the BC Conservation inquiry, and a fuller understanding of the actual individual First Nations and settler support or rejection of this permit is unacceptable. Scientists in the area reported a substantial diatom dieoff in the fall of 2014 in Quesnel Lake. Diatoms feed zooplankton that salmon fry consume. Until we better understand the long term impacts of the disaster on the environment, we cannot justify putting any more people, animals and flora in jeopardy by re-opening the mine. The clean-up that has occurred (minimal) barely begins to address the impacts on the environment. I suggest that more time is spent getting an understanding of the long term impacts especially on salmon before any re-opening at any capacity will be considered. The WMP could be put into place without starting up the mine again.

Regards

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 9:44 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: support for temporary mine permit

As a s.22
Sincerely,
s.22

I am totally in support of Mount Polley Mines getting a temporary permit to re-start production.

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 9:45 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Writing in opposition to the re-opening of the Mount Polley Mine.

I am writing to express my opposition to the re-opening of the Mount Polley Mine. Consent by all affected communities has not been achieved. Quesnel Lake has already been damaged, and further damage is risked if the mine is re-opened. This is unacceptable. The operators of this mine have already proven, to a terrible degree, that they cannot be trusted. Protecting this ecological site should be paramount. Please, do not allow the Mount Polly Mine to re-open, and instead, invest in alternative, ecologically sound industries for British Columbia.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 9:50 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: I as a Canadian citizen and a resident of British Columbia demand that Mount Polley not be Re-Opened

2 May 2015

To whom it may concern,

s.22

I stand in solidarity with the Secwepemc people

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What has been done by way of clean up of the affected areas?

Can we please find out the water safety reading information concerning drinking supplies, irrigation waters, etc since the failure in 2014?

The BC Government, having initially denied this as an environmental disaster, has continued to downplay and underestimate the damage. Why has the government demanded that only minimal action be taken by it or the company to assure that such a disaster will not happen again? Now, without this due diligence, I understand that Imperial Metals Corporation has submitted an application to provincial regulators to return to operations. How can this be considered without full testing (and transparency to the public) of the damages already done, and the efforts to repair the lands? I support the Indigenous peoples, their organizations strongly urge that this application be rejected for the following reasons:

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In solidarity,

N.B. Original letter has been endorsed by:

Ancestral Pride
Beyond Boarding
Building Bridges - Human Rights Vancouver

Café Rebelde
Council of Canadians
E-Tech International
Forest Action Network
Fraser Riverkeeper
Indigenous Network on Economies and Trade
Leadnow
Mining Justice Alliance
Mining Injustice Solidarity Network
MiningWatch Canada
Native Youth Movement
No One Is Illegal - Toronto
No One Is Illegal - Vancouver, Coast Salish Territories
Rising Tide - Vancouver, Coast Salish Territories
Secwepemc Nation Youth Network
Secwepemc Woman Warrior Society
Streams of Justice
Vancouver Ecosocialist Group
Water Wealth Project

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 10:09 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt Polley Mine Permit

Please, in the name of the planet
and this beautiful province,
do not grant this permit.

Sincerely, s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 10:02 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: permit application for the Mount Polley Mine

To the Government of British Columbia and to the members of the Cariboo Region Mine Development Review Committee:

Canadians everywhere are standing with people in the communities affected by the catastrophic spill of contaminated water and sludge into Polley Lake and Hazeltine Creek of August 2014, considered by many as one of the worst environmental disasters in the history of Canada. These and all communities deserve protection from future disasters, and it is the responsibility of our governments to fulfill this role.

A re-opening of the Mount Polley Mine - restricted or unrestricted - should not take place until all conditions have been met to repair the damage caused by the spill, complete investigations into the causes and responsibilities of the incident, and protect the public by preventing future disasters. A permit application should include:

- short- and long-term plans to clean up and repair the damage caused by the 2014 spill;
- a short-term plan to deal with the remaining mining tailings on the site;
- a plan to prevent a future spills;
- a plan to protect salmon and forest habitat in the area;
- a consultation with and approval from all communities affected by these operations;
- consultation and consent from all aboriginal communities, particularly the Secwepemc people that have traditionally occupied the area and who claim have not approved mining activities on the territory.

I am not a resident of B.C., but have seen photos of the devastation of the Polley Lake spill and am aware that decisions such as the ones you will make have the potential to affect so many of us, setting precedents for how disasters are managed, and hopefully creating positive models for environmental protection in other districts.

The government of British Columbia is mandated by the population it serves and protects, and I appeal to you for wise and responsible consideration on this issue. As citizens, we know that we also have an obligation to consume responsibly and act to protect people's health, livelihoods and environment. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 10:26 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Temporary restart

Please give mount Polly mines a temporary permit to run the mine.

Thanks

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 10:36 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: restart Mt Polley Mine

May 2, 2015

Dear Sirs,

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Yours sincerely,

s.22

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Sent: May-02-15 10:50 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley mine

I fully support the public statement reproduced below and endorsed by the signatory.

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Signed:

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Café Rebelde

Council of Canadians

E-Tech International

Forest Action Network

Fraser Riverkeeper

Indigenous Network on Economies and Trade

Leadnow

Mining Justice Alliance

Mining Injustice Solidarity Network

MiningWatch Canada

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Rising Tide - Vancouver, Coast Salish Territories

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Secwepemc Woman Warrior Society

Streams of Justice

Vancouver Ecosocialist Group

Water Wealth Project

Sent from my iPad

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 10:52 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Re-opening of the Mount Polley Mine

To whom it may concern,

Imperial Metals' Mount Polley Mine Re-opening MUST be rejected! The communities impacted by the tailings disaster that happened early August haven't consented to the reopening of the mine and thus the government of British Columbia shall not permit it. Imperial Metals Corporation has recently submitted an application to provincial regulators to return to operations despite the fact that the Fraser River is still contaminated and continues to cause damage to the local ecosystem and heavily affect the livelihoods of the indigenous people of Secwepemc territories, the residents of Likely, BC and those living on or around the watershed. There is still time for the provincial government to do the ethical and most moral thing and this is by terminating the reopening of the Mount Polley Mine and upholding the basic rights of the Indigenous peoples and the people of BC.

Thank you for your time,

Signed:
A group of s.22 students

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 11:19 AM
To: inquiries@imperialmetals.com
Subject: Restart Mt Polley Mine!

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s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 11:24 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Cc: inquiries@imperialmetals.com; Minister, MEM MEM:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Comments on Application to Restart Operations at Mount Polley Mine
Attachments: FRKcommentMtPolleyRestart.pdf

To the Ministry of Energy and Mines
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E-mail: MtPolleyMinePermit@gov.bc.ca

CC: inquiries@imperialmetals.com

The Hon. Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and Mines, MEM.minister@gov.bc.ca

The Hon. Christy Clark, Premier, premier@gov.bc.ca

Good day,

On Thursday, February 26th, after Imperial Metals Corporation had raised the spectre in local communities of potential lay-offs to workers if Mount Polley mine was not permitted to restart operations, the BC Minister of Energy and Mines, Bill Bennett, told reporters that the government of British Columbia would not be "squeezed" into reopening the mine prematurely. However only a month later, on March 26th, Minister Bennett announced an "expeditious" review of Mount Polley's application to restart operations as early as June of 2015, seemingly bowing to the very pressure that he had reassured British Columbians that he would withstand.

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We s.22 were deeply disappointed by this sudden about-face on the part of Minister Bennett; and, so, we are writing to you today to express our strong opposition to a restart of mining operations at Mount Polley mine until investigations into the TSF failure and environmental remediation work at the spill site have been completed.

The failure of the tailings storage facility (TSF) at Mount Polley gold and copper mine on August 4th, 2014, has been called one of the worst tailings spills on Earth and the biggest environmental disaster in modern Canadian history. Tens of billions of litres of liquid and solid mining waste were released into one of Canada's most treasured deep-water lakes. One of the deepest fjord lakes on the planet and home to a full quarter of the Fraser River sockeye run, Quesnel Lake is a popular destination for paddlers and recreational fishermen, supporting a healthy eco-tourism industry; all of which has now been put at risk.

A central pillar of Mount Polley's Long-Term Water Management Plan (WMP) is the use of Springer Pit to store contact water and tailings generated by operations at the mine. We feel that this plan is highly problematic in that Springer Pit is currently unsecured, with no protective lining to prevent the leaching

of tailings and waste-water into local groundwater aquifers. Imperial Metals' VP of corporate affairs, Steve Robertson, has told the media that "nobody has brought up" leaching concerns for Springer pit because the pit is "solid bedrock" and subject to slow water inflow. However, Mount Polley's *Approach for Long-Term Water Management Plan Development* directly contradicts Mr. Robertson's statements, noting that the pit has "a finite capacity and it is estimated that once water in the Springer Pit reaches the 1030 m elevation, the pit water will infiltrate into groundwater that will report to Bootjack Lake". The plan goes on to urgently recommend the development of options for the treatment and disposal of contact water from the mine in order to mitigate this concern.

Mount Polley's WMP also notes that both the Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Energy and Mines have required that the mine develop a contingency plan for dealing with excess water in the event that the finite capacity of Springer pit is exceeded. Shockingly, this contingency plan includes proposed provisions for discharging waste-water into both Quesnel Lake and Hazeltine Creek, remarking that "At present, Hazeltine Creek does not have fish in it. Therefore, if used as a conveyance structure, Hazeltine Creek would not be required to meet ambient water quality guidelines." While the WMP does acknowledge that treatment using best-available-technologies and a dilution zone in Quesnel Lake will remain a requirement for discharge, we are still deeply concerned about the use of these water bodies, which have been historically known to support populations of wild salmon and trout, for the discharge of any effluents from this mine.

Finally, in addition to the above concerns in regards to the mine's WMP, we have grave concerns about Imperial Metals' clear record of negligent operation of Mount Polley mine's TSF, currently the subject of a criminal investigation by members of the BC Conservation Officer's Service and the RCMP. From reported failures to replace lost and damaged monitoring equipment to chronic problems maintaining a tailings beach between the water in the TSF and the dam itself to prevent saturation, the examples of unsafe and irresponsible action on the part of mine operators are numerous and troubling. Indeed, while blame for the failure of Mount Polley's TSF has largely been placed on a layer of unstable glacial clay beneath its foundations which was tragically overlooked by its engineer of record, the province's Mount Polley Independent Expert Investigation and Review Panel noted that there were other significant issues with the mine's TSF operations which could have also led to a failure. Quoting from the panel's report: "The panel was disconcerted to find that, while the Mount Polley tailings dam failed because of an undetected weakness in the foundation, it could have failed by over-topping, which it almost did in May 2014. Or it could have failed by internal erosion, for which some evidence was discovered... Clearly, multiple failure modes were in progress, and they differed mainly in how far they had progressed down their respective failure pathways."

Taking into account Imperial Metal's record of negligent operations at Mount Polley mine along with our serious concerns about the mine's proposed WMP, including the use of Springer pit to store wet tailings and the discharge of waste-water into Quesnel Lake and Hazeltine Creek, we strongly feel that any move to permit a restart of operations at Mount Polley would be dangerous and premature. We ^{s.22} are urging the government of BC to place a hold on issuing any operating permits for Mount Polley mine until the findings of the criminal investigation into the TSF failure have been released and environmental remediation to mitigate the damage done by this disaster have been completed.

Thank you for taking the time to review our comments. We sincerely hope that you will seriously consider the points we have raised with you today, and that you will demonstrate to all British Columbians your commitment to protect swimmable, drinkable, and fishable water in our province by rejecting Imperial Metal's application to reopen Mount Polley mine.

Regards,

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Wednesday, April 29th, 2015

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To the Ministry of Energy and Mines
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The Hon. Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and Mines, MEM.minister@gov.bc.ca
The Hon. Christy Clark, Premier, premier@gov.bc.ca

Good day,

On Thursday, February 26th, after Imperial Metals Corporation had raised the spectre in local communities of potential lay-offs to workers if Mount Polley mine was not permitted to restart operations, the BC Minister of Energy and Mines, Bill Bennett, told reporters that the government of British Columbia would not be "squeezed" into reopening the mine prematurely. However only a month later, on March 26th, Minister Bennett announced an "expeditious" review of Mount Polley's application to restart operations as early as June of 2015, seemingly bowing to the very pressure that he had reassured British Columbians that he would withstand.

We ^{s.22} were deeply disappointed by this sudden about-face on the part of Minister Bennett; and, so, we are writing to you today to express our strong opposition to a restart of mining operations at Mount Polley mine until investigations into the TSF failure and environmental remediation work at the spill site have been completed.

The failure of the tailings storage facility (TSF) at Mount Polley gold and copper mine on August 4th, 2014, has been called one of the worst tailings spills on Earth and the biggest environmental disaster in modern Canadian history. Tens of billions of litres of liquid and solid mining waste were released into one of Canada's most treasured deep-water lakes. One of the deepest fjord lakes on the planet and home to a full quarter of the Fraser River sockeye run, Quesnel Lake is a popular destination for paddlers

and recreational fishermen, supporting a healthy eco-tourism industry; all of which has now been put at risk.

A central pillar of Mount Polley's Long-Term Water Management Plan (WMP) is the use of Springer Pit to store contact water and tailings generated by operations at the mine. We feel that this plan is highly problematic in that Springer Pit is currently unsecured, with no protective lining to prevent the leaching of tailings and waste-water into local groundwater aquifers. Imperial Metals' VP of corporate affairs, Steve Robertson, has told the media that "nobody has brought up" leaching concerns for Springer pit because the pit is "solid bedrock" and subject to slow water inflow. However, Mount Polley's *Approach for Long-Term Water Management Plan Development* directly contradicts Mr. Robertson's statements, noting that the pit has "a finite capacity and it is estimated that once water in the Springer Pit reaches the 1030 m elevation, the pit water will infiltrate into groundwater that will report to Bootjack Lake". The plan goes on to urgently recommend the development of options for the treatment and disposal of contact water from the mine in order to mitigate this concern.

Mount Polley's WMP also notes that both the Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Energy and Mines have required that the mine develop a contingency plan for dealing with excess water in the event that the finite capacity of Springer pit is exceeded. Shockingly, this contingency plan includes proposed provisions for discharging waste-water into both Quesnel Lake and Hazeltine Creek, remarking that "At present, Hazeltine Creek does not have fish in it. Therefore, if used as a conveyance structure, Hazeltine Creek would not be required to meet ambient water quality guidelines." While the WMP does acknowledge that treatment using best-available-technologies and a dilution zone in Quesnel Lake will remain a requirement for discharge, we are still deeply concerned about the use of these water bodies, which have been historically known to support populations of wild salmon and trout, for the discharge of any effluents from this mine.

Finally, in addition to the above concerns in regards to the mine's WMP, we have grave concerns about Imperial Metals' clear record of negligent operation of Mount Polley mine's TSF, currently the subject of a criminal investigation by members of the BC Conservation Officer's Service and the RCMP. From reported failures to replace lost and damaged monitoring equipment to chronic problems maintaining a tailings beach between the water in the TSF and the dam itself to prevent saturation, the examples of unsafe and irresponsible action on the part of mine operators are numerous and troubling. Indeed, while blame for the failure of Mount Polley's TSF has largely been placed on a layer of unstable glacial clay beneath its foundations which was tragically overlooked by its engineer of record, the province's Mount Polley Independent Expert Investigation and Review Panel noted that there were other significant issues with the mine's TSF operations which could have also led to a failure. Quoting from the panel's report: "The panel was disconcerted to find that, while the Mount Polley tailings dam failed because of an undetected weakness in the foundation, it could have failed by over-topping, which it almost did in May 2014. Or it could have failed by internal erosion, for which some evidence was discovered... Clearly, multiple failure modes were in progress, and they differed mainly in how far they had progressed down their respective failure pathways."

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From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 11:31 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Do not re-open Mount Polley

I strongly urge the government of British Columbia to reject Imperial Metals Corporation's application to return to operations. In rejecting this application you would be affirming your commitment to the environment, to the indigenous peoples of Secwepemc, and to residents of BC living on the Queslen and Fraser River watersheds (and beyond - as toxic destruction of the environment has broad reaching negative impacts).

The catastrophic Mount Polley spill in 2014 remains one of the largest and most tragic environmental disasters in Canadian history. Its impact is still seen today in the destruction of the area and the remaining contamination of the waters. The idea of allowing the company responsible to return to operations before they have repaired and restored the damage to the area is incredibly irresponsible and immoral.

What's more, Imperial Metals is still under criminal investigation for gross negligence (as there is ample evidence that managers and owners ignored repeated warnings from consultants and employees regarding the unsafe condition of the tailings storage facility, workplace health and safety, and other environmental discharges). To have a company that disregards the security and safety of local peoples and ecosystems for corporate greed receive the green light to continue their work, without being properly held responsible for the damages they have done, sets an incredibly detrimental message and sets a dangerous precedence.

I urge the government of BC to do the right thing, here. Reject this application until the time that Imperial Mines is legally and morally held to account for their actions, until they properly restore the area they have damaged, and until they gain the explicit approval of local citizens and indigenous groups. Without these conditions, an approval will be tantamount to government complicity in ruining our ecosystems for the service of corporate greed. And even if you do stand for that, the people you serve do not.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 11:38 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Help save the Earth, reject the reopening of Imperial Metals

Hello,

I think you heard of the earthquake in Nepal and the increase in the volcanic eruptions (Sinabung in INdonezia; Villarrica and Calbuco in Chile; ecc). All the recent extreme events of this kind are due to climate change.

The earth, our home, is dying because of projects like the Imperial Metals Corporation (IMC) and its catastrophic failure, allowing approximately 25 millions of cubic metres of toxic sludge and contaminated water to rush into nearby Polley Lake and seven kilometers down Hazeltine Creek to Quesnel Lake.

If Canada turns a blind eye to one of the biggest environmental disasters in its modern history, what can we expect from smaller and more corrupted countries?

Maybe your children will still have a home; maybe their children too. But what about future distance generations? You'll be already part of the earth by then. Hope there will still be an earth that can be called home.

Public Statement

British Columbia must reject the reopening of Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine without their consent of communities impacted by the tailings disaster.

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Secwepemc Woman Warrior Society

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Vancouver Ecosocialist Group

Water Wealth Project

Thank you for your time,

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From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 11:59 AM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: STOP the re-opening of the Mount Polley Mine

29 April 2015

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From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 12:01 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Re: Mount Polley Mine

Dear representative of the people,

I would like to add my clear voice to the many throngs that are speaking up to say DO NOT RE-OPEN THE MOUNT POLLEY MINE.

It is time for a shift in attitude and policy, away from hazardous ventures that hurt our land and our future, towards sustainable ventures and investments in our natural wealth rather than pockets.

I as an engaged citizen in this province, city, and nation am willing to uphold what my own side of that would look like.

Represent me, and my fellow people, by ensuring we are aimed in the right direction.

Thank you.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 12:10 PM
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From:
Sent: May-02-15 12:25 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Do Not Allow The Mt. Polley Mine to Reopen

Dear Government of British Columbia,

I am writing today to urge you *not* to issue the permit enabling Imperial Metal's Mt. Polley mine to reopen, following the largest mining disaster in Canadian history.

I almost feel like it's pointless to write this --

You *know* that it's your responsibility to enforce the laws and regulations that protect land and water in your province.

You *know* that the land and water are still contaminated beyond anyone's sane definition of toxic.

You *know* you wouldn't drink the water or eat the fish.

You *know* nothing has been done to clean up the pollution that has now worked its way into the soil, the water, the wildlife, the food chain.

You *know* that in addition to toxic tailings that human medical waste and sewage were dumped into a pristine environment as well.

You *know* the relevant laws and regulations were neither strong enough, nor enforced effectively enough, to stop this disaster.

You *know* that no substantive changes in the laws, regulations or enforcement have been made that will stop it from happening again.

You *know* Imperial Metals is a bad corporate actor and should not be allowed to continue polluting on this almost unimaginable scale - especially while they and their major shareholders lie about it, do nothing to mitigate the disaster, and have no incentive to prevent the next one.

You *know* that if something like this had happened in a park or neighborhood prized by white Canadians, there'd be no question about cleaning up the devastation, suing Imperial and denying a permit for renewed operations.

And more than anything, you *know* that legally - and morally - British Columbia doesn't have the right to permit mining in unceded Secwepemc territory at all.

I hope that you also know that you have an enormously powerful opportunity before you today.

Will you further the agenda of Canada's abusive corporations and corporate-driven government?

RECORDS 2-4 Page 194 of 273 Will you tell Imperial Metals, N. Murray Edwards and Fairholme Capital that they own your democracy?

Will you turn your back on the land, water, wildlife and people, in favor of a company that by its very founding charter isn't even allowed - let alone willing - to look beyond serving its bottom line?

Will you abdicate your responsibility to serve and protect the people of your province and the land and water that sustain them?

Will you invite the decades of lawsuits, BC tourism boycotts, direct action headlines and possibly even physical confrontations that are inevitable if you make the wrong choice, and leave people no other way to defend their land, water and lives?

And will you add one more deeply ugly chapter to the book of broken treaties, disempowerment and denied sovereignty that makes up Canada's history with respect to First Nations?

Or will you choose, instead, to do the right thing?

You could be heroes.

You could do something that ushers in a new era.

You could champion, if you're Christian, the values you learned in Sunday school. Thou Shalt Not Kill. Thou Shalt Not Steal. Thou Shalt Not Covet. You could take the action that will allow you to sleep at night, enable your children to be proud of you, and leave a legacy to be proud of. I could lay out pages of detailed facts about the Mt. Polley disaster as they relate to your consideration of re-opening this blight. But I'm sure you've already heard them from the people who have spent weeks at the heart of the contamination, from mining experts like Dr. Joan Kuyek, and from the Secwepmec defenders. If you think you might not have heard them clearly enough, I urge you to listen again:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUbHMMVzwEY>.

Please do the right thing.

Please be a good person.

Please do the job that your constituents entrusted you with, and do it to the best of your abilities.

Please make British Columbia a place people can admire and respect, across Canada and around the globe.

Please deny the permit enabling Mt. Polley to reopen, and turn your attention instead to cleaning up the last disaster, and preventing the next.

Thank you for your attention to my comments, and to your willingness to do your work with honor.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:07 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley

I urge you not allow the reopening of Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine without the consent of communities impacted by the tailings disaster.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:10 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Re-opening the mine.

Imperial Metals has proven itself an irresponsible corporation and should not be allowed to conduct business in BC without first making reparations for the damage done at the Mount Polley mine. They should be charged, tried and punished.

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:10 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley Must Not Reopen!

It is deeply disturbing to hear that there are plans to re-open the Mt.Polley mining operations considering the 25 millions of cubic metres of toxic sludge and contaminated water that continues to rush into nearby Polley Lake and seven kilometers down Hazeltine Creek to Quesnel Lake. This spill is one of the biggest environmental disasters in modern Canadian history and known to so many as such.

I have heard that the Secwepemc people (whose unceded territories this took place upon) have been unable to eat the salmon their traditional food since the spill. I also hear there's been no effort to clean up the spill and that this has been downplayed significantly in mainstream media.

I demand that the provincial government listen to the Secwepemc and cease their support of Imperial Metals who is under criminal investigation.

The world is watching,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:16 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: I oppose reopening the mine

I oppose the reopening of the Mt. Polley Mine. Imperial Metals has not behaved responsibly toward the environment or the people of BC in the past and has not shown that they can be relied upon to do so in the future. No amount of mineral resources can compensate for the environmental damage they have already done. The people who live on the land and are affected by the mine and by the potential reopening must be consulted and must have a role to play in the final decision.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:21 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Cc: Routley.MLA, Bill LASS:EX; s.22 EABINFO EAB:EX; Honouable Bernard Valcourt; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Honouable John Horgan; ABR Info ABR:EX; s.22 Minister, ENV ENV:EX; s.22
Subject: Mount Polly Mine Permit. No Consent. No Consultation

Date: May 02, 2015

Re: You do not have s.22 and s.22 not been consulted about the re-opening of Mount Polley Mine. Any environmental destruction of any water ways that our sockeye salmon s.22 Sockeye salmon are essential to the survival s.22

According to the HTG's statement of intent, filed with the BC Treaty Commission, s.22 territory" ***covers over 334,000 hectares of land on south-eastern Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and lower Fraser River. It reaches North of Nanaimo River, and South of Goldstream River in Saanich Inlet. It stretches West past Lake Cowichan to Tuck Lake, and east up the South arm of the Fraser River to Douglas Island.*** "

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And our traditional **fishing** territory includes the following:

1. *The waters of the Strait of Georgia, south of Cape Madge-Rebecca Spit area on Quadra Island and including all channels, straits and passages in and amongst the Gulf Islands.*
2. *The estuaries, lakes and waterways in the Hul'qumi'num Core Aboriginal title lands.*
3. ***The Fraser River, from the Strait of Georgia up to Sawmill Creek, North of Yale.***
4. *The waters of Juan de Fuca Strait.*
4. *The waters of Hara, Rosario Straits, and Puget Sound to the South end of Whitby Island.*

s.22

Sincerely

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From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:22 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Lack of social impact assessment

To whom it may concern,

There has been a profound lack of consultation with communities - both Indigenous and non-Indigenous - with regard to the Mount Polley mine. Since the failure of the tailings facility in August, there has been continued destruction and lack of restoration to sensitive riparian areas. This has been proven over and over again. Secwepemc people and the community of Likely have been and will continue to be negatively impacted by toxic tailings; in reopening the mine, these communities will continue to further suffer negative effects to personal health as well as environmental health, and the Province of British Columbia has failed to take these into consideration. Social impact assessments conducted by government have for too long been poorly conducted, and I ask that these be reviewed by independent third parties.

I also demand that government seek the informed and unanimous consent of Secwepemc peoples before moving forward; it is the duty and honour of the Crown to deal with issues of Aboriginal rights and title with integrity.

Sincerely,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:31 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polly Mine reopening decision

Do we really not care about the future our children & future generations will have to deal with, that we would allow those who are irresponsible to have another shot of making a mistake, "oops" oh well, again! It's one thing for " corporations" not to care when self serving actions are followed, but do our government guardians have to be negligent as well? Fooled once is a shame on the corporate world, but the second time is a shame on the government or those who allow / support activities which lead to inevitable atrocities happening... s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:33 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mine reopened

I do not consent

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:43 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX

Please accept this email as support for the restart of the Mt Polley mine.

Sincerely,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:44 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: close the mine

"Do not allow the Mt. Polley mine to reopen."

Please consider the future for all life and do not allow
Mt Polley mine to reopen

Sincerely,
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From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:53 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley not ready to re-open

I'm writing to request that our government not permit Mt. Polley mine to re-open. It sounds like A LOT more work needs to be done to clean up the last spill and it would be outrageously irresponsible to re-open it without proper cleanup. Government needs to collaborate with the First Nation that owns this land in order to regulate the industry on their property.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 2:11 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley Mine Re-opening consultation

I am actually outraged that this request (to reopen the mine) is even considered.

This company is still under ongoing CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION for the worst mining disaster in Canadian history and BC government is considering to entrust the same people with re-opening mine. So far company did not clean up contaminated area and I do not hear about any compensation to affected communities and Canadian taxpayer for long term health problems, loss of salmon fishing revenue, tourism, environment, etc.

It also seems that the company and BC government are still ignoring local population regarding this issue and try to proceed without their consent.

sincerely
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 2:34 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Cc: Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX; Minister, MEM MEM:EX; WWW ENVMail ENV:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Proposal to Reopen the Mount Polley Mine Site

To the Cariboo Region Mine Development Review Committee,

I am writing to express my outrage that the BC Provincial Government is considering Imperial Metals Corporation's application to reopen the Mount Polley Mine site.

The Mount Polley disaster in August of 2014 released approximately 10 billion liters of contaminated water and 4.5 million cubic meters of metals-laden fine sand into the Fraser River watershed via Hazelton Creek, Polley Lake and Quesnel Lake.^[1] According to initial studies undertaken by the University of Northern British Columbia's Quesnel River Research Centre, the resulting plume of toxic sediment has moved down Quesnel Lake and into Quesnel River.^[2] The heavy metals and other contaminants from the ruptured Tailings Storage Facility are bioaccumulative; we can thus expect that salmon, as predatory fish, will accumulate much higher concentrations of these materials in their fatty tissues than what is found currently in the contaminated sediments.^[3]

Salmon play a profound role in the lives of Indigenous peoples in BC; the contamination of this watershed thus constitutes an unquantifiable injury to the Secwepemc First Nation, as well as to all of those Nations downstream between the breached Tailings Storage Facility and the delta of the Fraser River. As a settler hoping for genuine reconciliation with the Indigenous Nations where I live, I find this assault absolutely unacceptable.

As reported in the Tyee, "the Northern Secwepemc to Qelmuw leadership council, which is composed of four northern Secwepemc bands, finalized a mining policy dated Nov. 19, 2014. ...The 54-page policy outlines exactly what the Secwepemc expect to happen within any current or future mine on its more than 53,000 square kilometers of traditional territory."^[4] Until this mining policy – and thus respect for Indigenous rights and title – is fully integrated into the provincial approach to mining proposals, no new approvals should be granted to mining projects on Secwepemc territory.

Salmon also play a vital role in maintaining the ecosystemic integrity of the forests on the West Coast.^[5] As someone who loves the lands and waters in this place, the Mount Polley disaster – and the long-term contamination and physical suffering it undoubtedly implies for human beings, eagles, bears and other inhabitants of the Fraser River watershed – has caused me very acute grief. According to a filing with Environment Canada in 2013, 326 tonnes of nickel, 400 tonnes of arsenic, 177 tonnes of lead and 18,400 tonnes of copper and its compounds had been dumped into the tailings pond.^[6] Ingestion of these contaminants takes place not only through the consumption of fish and other animals, but through drinking water and inhalation of the airborne dust that moves through the area as the tailings dry out.

According to a recent article in the *Victoria Times Colonist*, "...on Jan. 27, the total aluminum reading in Quesnel Lake at the outlet of Hazeltine Creek — the path the mine waste flowed to reach the lake — was nearly 15 times the Canadian drinking water guideline. Tests showed that levels of iron were six times above Canadian drinking water guidelines and manganese was twice the guideline. Aluminum levels were also exceeded in the month of January at the Quesnel River bridge at Likely and farther downstream at the Gravelle Ferry Bridge. ...The latest results from February and March show government guidelines were exceeded for copper for aquatic life on the Quesnel River near the town of Likely, downstream from the mine." [7] While the company claims that the water will be clear of contamination by August 2015, Quesnel Lake turns over during seasonal temperature changes in the spring and fall, bringing water from the depths – and thus also contaminated sediments – up to the surface. Until the contaminated sediments are removed, therefore, the safety of drinking water in the area will be seriously compromised.

In my academic work on water, I have reviewed the links between aquatic contamination and cancer, reproductive disorders, neurological disorders and other serious afflictions. While difficult to precisely quantify, a spill like the Mount Polley disaster means that more people will suffer from cancer and that more people will suffer watching their loved ones die before their time. Children will suffer from disorders based on their exposure to these toxins in utero and during the vulnerable years of brain development. Animals in the region will also suffer from similar afflictions. The contamination of water on this scale thus represents a profound act of violence.

The negligence of Imperial Metals Corporation – and thus their culpability for this disaster – is beyond question. The design of the tailings dam required that a dry beach should be maintained between the tailings and the dam itself. Aerial photos from the 2012 Annual Review of the Tailings Storage Facility show that this required beach zone was already absent along 40% of the impoundment perimeter. Despite documentation that the water volumes behind the dam exceeded Maximum Operating Levels in May of 2014, Imperial Metals Corporation elected to continue depositing tailings into the already-overloaded Storage Facility. [8] To grant this company permission to continue extracting profits from this mine site – or from any mine site in this province, for that matter – sets an appalling precedent for corporate impunity. Moreover, I am not convinced that Imperial Metals Corporation has an adequate plan in place to safely contain additional toxic wastewater if they are permitted to continue operation of the mine.

Cleanup of the spill has not been anything close to adequate. As indicated above, the contaminated tailings must be removed from the affected areas and placed into an effective containment facility to protect human and ecosystemic health.

To approve the reopening of the Mount Polley mine would effectively sanction and intensify what has already been a devastating violation.

Yours Sincerely,

[1] Council of Canadians. "Council of Canadians opposes the reopening of the Mount Polley mine," April 28, 2015. <http://canadians.org/blog/council-canadians-opposes-reopening-mount-polley-mine>

[2] "UNBC releases initial findings from tailings pond breach" - See more at: <http://www.unbc.ca/releases/35250/unbc-releases-initial-findings-tailings-pond-breach#sthash.9j3P5GCT.dpuf>

[3] Ellen Petticrew et al. "Baseline data and initial impacts of the Mount Polley tailings pond breach on adjacent aquatic ecosystems," Quesnel River Research Centre, UNBC, October, 2014. <http://www.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/sections/quesnel-river-research-centre/setacmtpolleeposterfinal.jpg>

[4] Turner, Jerome. "After Mount Polley: 'This is Indigenous Law': Six months after dam breach calamity, First Nation takes the lead on mining regulation," The Tyee. Feb. 7, 2015. <http://thetyee.ca/News/2015/02/07/After Mount Polley Indigenous Law/>

[5] According to a University of Victoria research team investigating the relationship between salmon and coastal forests, "...up to 40 percent of the nitrogen used by riparian plants is derived from salmon nutrients." Reimchen, Tom. "Salmon Nutrients, Nitrogen Isotopes, and Coastal Forests," *Ecoforestry*, Fall 2001, 14.

[6] Council of Canadians. "Council of Canadians opposes the reopening of the Mount Polley mine," April 28, 2015. <http://canadians.org/blog/council-canadians-opposes-reopening-mount-polley-mine>

[7] Hoekstra, Gordon. "Water near Mount Polley gold mine still tainted, tests find," *Victoria Times Colonist*, April 27, 2015. <http://www.timescolonist.com/news/b-c/water-near-mount-polley-gold-mine-still-tainted-tests-find-1.1865973#sthash.zqTENCKW.dpuf>

[8] BC Tapwater Alliance. "Backgrounder Table: '21' Mount Polley Expert Review Panel Final Report," April 6, 2015. <http://www.bctwa.org/MountPolley-Backgrounder-Apr6-2015.pdf>

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 2:57 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: We want to go back to work

My name is s.22 and all I have a one simple and short statement let us (mt.polley employees) go back to work

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 3:32 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley Mine Re-opening Must be Rejected!

This letter is to inform you of my discontent and disapproval of the Imperial Metals Mt. Polley Mine being reopened. Most obvious reasons why would be the inability of Imperial Metals to fully complete clean up of our water sources and implement safe strategies to prevent further disasters from happening. The British Columbia Government continues to ignore its citizens needs and wants and instead seems to serve the corporations that perpetually disrespect and destroy the natural resources of our province.

I am asking you to reject the application for the reopening of Mt. Polley Mine, complete cleanup of the affected Quesnel Lake , Polly Lake, Etney Creek, and Hazeltine Creek as well as surrounding communities, pursue criminal charges towards Imperial Metals, and seek permission from the Secwepemc people as well as the community of Likely, BC.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 3:35 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt Polly mine -do not re-open mine

Please do not allow the Mt Polly mine to re-open
-the last accident hasn't yet been fully cleaned up & this is unacceptable risk.
Thank you.

s.22

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From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 3:48 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: My Polley

Do not allow the Mt. Polley mine to reopen.
Seriously,
s.22

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 4:58 PM
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, MEM MEM:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Hon. Todd Stone ; MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: 2 may

Please prevent further plundering of our homeland.

[The panel concluded that had the downstream slope been flattened, failure would have been avoided. The slope was in the process of being flattened to meet its ultimate design criteria at the time of the "accident".] (Being flattened) is much different from being wide from the beginning as suggested by the original design as the weight is being spread over a larger area. (In the process) sounds like they were 'hoping', hopping works here too, to get it back to original specs (ultimate design criteria) before it broke. An ABUSE of the original specs is not an ACCIDENT.

[piping and cracking, which is often the cause of the failure of earth dams] Mr. Morgenstern said mine workers were on the dam some hours WHEN? before the failure and there was no indication of water 'gushing' out."

What caused the BCHydro water level meter at Likely, about 20 km away, to show extra activity at Sunday midnight for about 12 hours until Monday 4, Aug. at noon?

HOW MUCH litres, barrels, gallons, of WATER CAN MOVE BEFORE IT IS GUSHING?

He said the panel eliminated as possible causes sabotage, water erosion, and a phenomenon known as "piping and cracking," in which water migrates through the core of a structure, causing it to collapse.

Did a denial of seepage, seep into this report?

The only ones benefitting are the Corporate Welfare Bums.

If they can't afford to pay their fare share, including 100% clean-up not the 8% world standard clean-up, keep them out of our country.

We are only doing what our National Anthem asks us 9x to do, "Stand on guard"

Sincerely, s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 5:02 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley Mine Re-opening Must be Rejected!

Mount Polley Mine Re-opening Must be Rejected!

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 5:03 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley Mine must NOT re-open

To whom it may concern:

I am deeply concerned that it is even being considered allowing the Mount Polley mine to re-open after that company knowingly ignored the signs that the tailings dam would burst. Imperial Metals should not be allowed to operate anywhere in BC. Please do the right thing for the First Nations and local residents whose lives, livelihoods, and clean water have been destroyed by Imperial Metals' gross negligence—do not allow the Mount Polley Mine to re-open.

Respectfully,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 5:13 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Do not re-open Mount Polley

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 5:14 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Do not reopen Mount Polley Mine

Dear government of British Columbia,

Please do not even consider allowing this mine to reopen until all sides and all repercussions have been fairly evaluated. I do not know everything about the disaster that took place, but what I know worries me. It is your responsibility to do this investigation and consultation thoroughly.

Thank you,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 5:41 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: mine reopening

I am vehemently against this mine re-opening.

This disaster needs to be studied properly and cleaned up before being considered for re-opening. I know i don't stand alone. Thank you for your time and possible consideration of my words.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 5:42 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt. Polley mine

Hello

Do not allow the Mt. Polley mine to reopen.

Hiyshka/thank you - onegewaye,

s.22

This information is emailed from a private and preferred server.

Kindly confirm receipt of this message by email return so that we know that this communication is established.

s.22

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From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 5:52 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Reopening Mount Polley Mine

To whom it may concerned

s.22 in Jedway back in the 60's, where a tailings pond still sits precariously above the beautiful bay we worked from, I am writing to say it would be criminal and undemocratic if you allowed Imperial Metals to reopen their mine this early after the the disaster they were involved in.

How have they paid for the damage they have cause? Is all the mess cleaned up? Why do they deserve a second chance?

Like children they should clean up their mess before getting to play or partake in the goodies of British Columbia's wealth. Criminal cases should be settled. And most importantly all communities impacted by the disaster should give consent as part of the social contract expected in a democracy. Have the Secwepemc nation given their consent to cross or occupy their traditional lands? Have the citizens of Likely BC given unanimous consent?

The liberal party and now government that got such generous funding from this company should prove they have not been bought or are acting as puppets to this wealthy corporation. That could be done by having Imperial Metals clean up their mess before starting another one.

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From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 6:14 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Citizen input

When will elected leaders start protecting life instead of cowing to the pressure of men with 'money'? Show you have your priorities straight: protect the land, it provides us with life.

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 6:29 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Do not re-open Mount Polley

British Columbia must reject the reopening of Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine without the full consent of communities impacted by the tailings disaster. It would be irresponsible to do otherwise.

The Government of British Columbia is failing the indigenous people of Secwepemc territories, the residents of Likely, BC and those living on the Quesnel and Fraser River watersheds.

The lands to which Imperial Metals Corporation has acquired access through provincial and federal permitting are the contested, occupied, traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Secwepemc people. The Secwepemc people have not given their unanimous free, prior, and informed consent to the projects on their territories. Neither have the people of Likely, BC.

Until the Imperial Metals Corp. has removed every cubic meter of spilled tailings waste to the tailings storage facility, has returned the destroyed land to its original condition, and has returned the water and bed conditions to their pre-spill conditions, the re-opening of this mine would be furthering an ongoing catastrophe.

People have the right to feel safe in their homes and not have their livelihoods put in danger. People are more important than any mine. Time for the government to stand up for the people rather than the corporations. Time to show some respect for the First Nations and all people of B.C.

Sincerely,

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 6:54 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Hold big players accountable.

This area has suffered enough. May it become obvious that this mine should Not be Re-Opened.
I pray for those who make such decisions: peace in their hearts and a reconnection to our Wonderful Earth.

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 7:44 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley Mine must not be reopened without consent of the communities impacted

British Columbia must reject the reopening of Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine without their consent of communities impacted by the tailings disaster.

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Continuing Ecological Destruction: In the eight months since the 04 August 2014 failure of the tailings storage facility IMC's wholly-owned subsidiary Mount Polley Mining Corporation (MPMC) has demonstrated greater effort to ready the tailings storage facility for imminent production than to remediate the land and prevent further pollution of Quesnel Lake and the downstream rivers. Now the company plans to release "treated" mining waste water back into the watershed and potentially use Quesnel Lake as the site of discharge.

Criminal Investigation: The company remains under criminal investigation for gross negligence leading up to the massive failure of the tailings storage facility at the Mount Polley mine.

Consent of Communities: The lands to which Imperial Metals Corporation (IMC) has acquired access through provincial and federal permitting are the contested, occupied, traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Secwepemc people. The Secwepemc people have not given their unanimous free, prior, and informed consent to the projects on their territories. Neither have the people of Likely, BC.

Until all communities impacted have unanimously given their explicit free, prior, and informed consent to any and all project plans, timelines, and methods, with caveats, special requirements, and timelines that are on their own terms, and until a third-party team of observers, individually selected by the ancestral authorities of the area and with full access to all areas of the Mount Polley Mine site and all areas of the area affected by the tailings failure, has reported that IMC/MPMC has fulfilled their duty to clean up the affected area, this permit should be rejected.

Neglect and Greed: MPMC has, demonstrated a pattern of opting to maximize profits at the expense of the land and ecosystems their operations threaten. The managers of MPMC ignored repeated warnings from consultants and employees regarding the unsafe condition of the tailings storage facility, workplace health and safety, and other environmental discharges.

Clean Up and Remediation: Until the IMC has removed every cubic meter of spilled tailings waste to the tailings storage facility, has returned the destroyed land to its original condition, and has returned the water and bed conditions of Polley Lake, Hazeltine Creek, Etney Creek, and Quesnel Lake to their pre-spill conditions, the re-opening of this mine would be furthering an ongoing catastrophe.

There is still time for the provincial government to do the right thing. The Premier needs to act now to demonstrate her government's commitment to respecting and upholding the rights of Indigenous peoples and the people of B.C.

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 8:09 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: temporary restart

I, s.22 fully support the re-opening of Mount Polley Mine. As an s.22 continued economic growth of our area.

this mine is vital to the

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 8:11 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX

This mine in Canada has not been helping her demonstrating good ethics in the protection and preservation is this for need to by their license and permit revoked immediately for the wheels bin of old.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 8:37 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Do not re-open Mount Polley

Minister Bennett responded to the Mount Polley breach in this manner:

“We will determine the cause of the event and we are determined to prevent an incident like this from happening again.”
<http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2014/08/bill-bennett-minister-of-energy-and-mines-responds-to-mt-polley-mine-incident.html>

Perhaps the best way to ensure this doesn't happen again, IS NOT TO PERMIT THE MINE FROM REOPENING! Not only was the mine operators at fault, but the ministry for not following through with recommendations. Listen to the people. We pay your salary.

The letter is short so that I don't waste your valuable time.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 9:10 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: temporary start up

I am contacting you re:mount polley temporary operating permit. I am in full support of the govt approving this and helping our local area families and communities. thank you.

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 9:32 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mt. Polley permit.

To Whom it May Concern,

I am very opposed to allowing Imperial Metals to re-open the Mount Polley Mine. Based on my discussions with many indigenous peoples, I do not believe that the re-opening of the mine has the support of the majority of peoples of the Secwepemc Nation, nor the general (indigenous and not) populace off reserve. Williams Lake Band council may appear to support this endeavour, but that does not mean that the majority of Williams Lake Band members do support it. Also, Williams Lake Band does not speak for all Secwepemc peoples. The only way to really understand the interests of the Secwepemc and settler peoples of the regions affected, in my opinion, is to create a poll or referendum. Imperial Metals states that they fulfilled their obligation to have community meetings but in no way reports on how they were responded to by the communities. The BC Conservation Service inquiry, in conjunction with the RCMP, Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, is investigating the impacts of the Mt Polley Breech on the environment and their report is not due out until June. Will the results of that investigation be available for the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry of Environment to use in their decision about this re-opening permit application? Why is the deadline for public comment so soon, meaning that we will not have these BC Conservation Service inquiry results available to us by your May 2 deadline for public comment?

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It states in the Water Management Plan (WMP) document (Golder 2015) that the current permit allows 1.4 million cubic mm of water discharge, while at the same time stating that the current discharge could be 3 times that. It also states that onsite levels of Nitrate, Copper, Sulphate, Aluminum, Iron, Selenium and Suspended Solids are above accepted concentrations. The report implies that if the WMP is not pushed through then previously unaffected areas like Bootjack Lake will potentially be impacted. This feels like the threat of contamination of Bootjack Lake is being used to push through the latest permit application. The Return to Restricted Operations permit application implies that they will be working at

reduced capacities, although the work suggested is at half load, which is still very substantial. I feel strongly that pushing this Return to Restricted Operations Permit through before the results from the BC Conservation et al inquiry, and a fuller understanding of the actual individual First Nations and settler support or rejection of this permit is unacceptable. Scientists in the area reported a substantial diatom die-off in the fall of 2014 in Quesnel Lake. Diatoms feed zooplankton that salmon fry consume. Until we better understand the long term impacts of the disaster on the environment, we cannot justify putting any more people, animals and flora in jeopardy by re-opening the mine. The clean-up that has occurred (minimal) barely begins to address the impacts on the environment. I suggest that more time is spent getting an understanding of the long term impacts especially on salmon before any re-opening at any capacity will be considered. The WMP could be put into place without starting up the mine again.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 9:42 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Please do NOT permit the Mount Polley Mine to be re-opened

Dear Cariboo Region Mine Development Review Committee:

I gather that today is the last day of a 30-day public consultation regarding an application for a restricted re-opening of the Mount Polley Mine. Water being far more valuable than gold, and the Mount Polley Mine having proven itself to be both ill sited and poorly operated, I strongly come down on the side against the mine being re-opened.

Regards,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 9:53 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Restart Mount Polley Mine. Please!

Dear decision-makers,

I wish to add my voice to the chorus of voices that have come out in favour of seeing Mount Polley Mine receive a 'green light' to restart production. Even if, for the time being, on a temporary basis. Further, I ask that you not give undue weight to the few, but rather loud, voices of dissent that would seek to block such a restart.

s.22

Without question, these mining jobs are vitally important to the local economy. And, of course, s.22

In addition to the many positive benefits to the local economy, these jobs at Polley create significant and much needed cash-flow into Federal and Provincial coffers. s.22

So, there is clearly much more at play here than only the impact on the local economy should the mine not be allowed to restart.

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Clearly, August 4th/14, saw a calamity of significant scale occur at Polley's tailings storage facility. It has been shown, by the independent panel's investigation, that there is no direct culpability, of Mount Polley, concerning the subterranean slip that facilitated the failure. So, rather than being 'punished', s.22 need the opportunity not only to set things right, but to get back in the game, as it were. Obviously, tailings dam construction requirements are now more stringent and oversight more intense that was previously the case. I view these as good outcomes, knowing this will not only apply to Mount Polley but also to all other mines in BC with similar tailings storage facilities. Through catastrophe, things can, indeed, be made safer both at Polley and at all other mines in BC, and beyond.

We learn, we improve, we move on. And when I say s.22 but also the oversight groups. Specifically, the independent engineering firm responsible to oversee tailings dam construction/maintenance. And, the Ministry of Mines, responsible for the oversight of the whole enterprise.

Please do not let the shrill voices of a few out-of-area malcontents drown out the multitude of actual stakeholders,^{s.22}
like the vast majority of people who live in Likely, Williams Lake and
surrounding areas.^{s.22} people who are not picketing in the streets but are, instead, trusting that you will make the appropriate
common sense decision to allow this mine to restart production.

Thank you.

^{s.22}

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 10:46 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Do not re-open Mount Polley

Let's keep Canada a leader in environment. Mount Polley mine re-opening is not an option,

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 10:56 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Concerns about mine

To allow the mount polley mine to open despite the ramifications of it's pollution, is immoral and against the well being of territory around it. Please have an open and transparent review of the policy and involve all steak holders .

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 11:05 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX

To whom it may concern;

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Until all communities impacted have unanimously given their explicit free, prior, and informed consent to any and all project plans, timelines, and methods, with caveats, special requirements, and timelines that are on their own terms, and until a third-party team of observers, individually selected by the ancestral authorities of the area and with full access to all areas of the Mount Polley Mine site and all areas of the area affected by the tailings failure, has reported that IMC/MPMC has fulfilled their duty to clean up the affected area, this permit should be rejected.

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There is still time for the provincial government to do the right thing. The Premier needs to act now to demonstrate her government’s commitment to respecting and upholding the rights of Indigenous peoples and the people of B.C.

Signed:

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 11:31 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Do not re-open Mount Polley

As a British Columbian, I totally oppose the re opening of the Mt. Polley mine. It is responsible for one of the worst tailing pond breaches in recent history after ignoring warnings by many different professionals. Filling the dam with 3X the designed capacity is simply criminal. Do not reward criminal behavior. BC gov't must enforce the law and charge Mt. Pollen mine owners for the complete cost of rehabilitation of the damage from their failure. And for the mine to suggest to further dump mine waste in quesnel lake. This is an insane proposal. Beyond criminal. Please do not permit the re opening of Mt. Polley mine ever again. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 11:43 PM
To: Minister, MEM MEM:EX
Cc: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Honour, and the Mt. Polley Mine disaster

To the Honourable Premier Christy Clark,

To the Honourable Minister of Health, Terry Lake

To the Honourable Minister of Environment, Mary Pollack

To the Honourable Minister of Energy and Mines, Bill Bennet,

I am writing as part of the public comment period (open until May 2, 2015) regarding the permit to continue operations at the Mt. Polley Mining site.

Recently I learned that:

The province of BC has accepted the application to reopen Imperial Metals mine, giving one month, until May 2, for public comment. The Secwepemc Women Warriors Society, who have been monitoring the impacts at disaster site and who called the, National Day of Action, argues that by “Allowing this corporation to reopen the Mount Polley mine is a violation of sovereignty and opens the territory up to further damage. Imperial Metals has no consent from the Secwepemc.”

It must be a very hard job, holding office and trying to balance those things that supply the economy while protecting the environment.

However, surely you must see that if we ruin the place where we live, there will be nowhere else to go? As governors of this land (equal in government to our B.C. Provincial leaders) the Secwepemc people should be treated with high regard. The people of B.C. are counting on you to hear them, recognize the true nature of this disaster, and stop the Mt. Polley Mine from entering into operation at this time.

Peace of mind has been lost, quality of life has been ruined, the land is ripped, torn and polluted in the Mt. Polley mining area. When will we stop and see that once our water is no longer drinkable, our air is no longer fit to breathe and our land in full contamination that we will have nothing? Our First Nations people know the true meaning of honour and the privilege we have in a land of such abundance - we need to listen to them and heed their words.

I remember when I first learned that the Elk Valley watershed was found to be at unacceptable levels of selenium pollution due to coal mine

operations. Our Minister of Environment said that the B.C. government would not shut down operations, but permit continued work while remedies were found.

Here-in lies the difficult job of the ministries that must decide our fate. How do we keep industry, the jobs they provide, the goods they create and the economy connected to all of that, from crumbling completely? A government that sees no way around this will keep moving the industry along - and it makes sense. But it is going to take reaching for a much harder path to make our future right when it comes to the damage that we have done, and are continuing to do, to our only home, Earth.

Maybe it seems hokey to say all of this (cliché is ringing in my ears), and maybe it seems silly because all we have to do is look around at this land of plenty and think that we will always be this rich and this fortunate. But with great abundance comes great responsibility; we should not be fooled into thinking the resources for our actual survival will always be there for us. Taking for granted that which we destroy is thinking that there will always be more for the taking.

The harder path means calling on the people to recognize that what seems hard in the short term will be better in the long term. This conversation takes great courage - but I think the people of B.C. are ready to hear it....

In October of 2014, I read:

Dr. Lemly declined to be interviewed because the situation in the Elk Valley is under active investigation, but he has expressed his views on selenium pollution in the past.

"How bad does it have to get? Unfortunately, you have to have the ecological equivalent of a nuclear meltdown for people to stop and say, 'Wait a minute. We are doing more harm than good,'" he said, commenting on a situation in Idaho, where a chronic selenium problem only caused alarm after trout were found with two heads.

Dr. Lemly has also commented on why scientific research about selenium pollution often gets ignored: "It's not a question of knowing better, it's a question of not wanting to know. If policy makers would rather let egos, power and money stand in the way of protecting the environment, then they should be held responsible."

Responsible... and in a position of honour because you hold all of us in your hands. Something has to change. I feel sorry for government that there is so much "putting on a show" that you feel you must do. But the people want you to be real, speak your truth and show courage - the courage to stand up and say - a hard path is before us, but we can make it there, together.

Please - no one wants a government that ignores the cries of the people. Please put the honour back into "honourable" and stop the Mt. Polley Mine from continuing until such time as the damage is fully understood and rectified to the best possible outcome.

Please, bring all the honour your titles say that you stand for, and make this right.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 11:44 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Mount Polley Amendment Application
Attachments: MoE Hubert Bunce Director Mt Polley Mining Operations April 30 2015.docx

Attached letter to MoE Hubert Bunce,
April 30, 2015
Hubert Bunce, MoE Director, Mount Polley Mining Operations

Re: Mount Polley Re-Start Amendment Application

Dear Mr. Bunce.

s.22

Quesnel Lake only 5kms. from the base
of Hazeltine Creek. This spill of the TSF at the Mt. Polley Mine has had devastating effects for not only the future use of s.22
(unknown toxic substances in the body of the lake) but also the s.22

After reading through the MPMC's "permit amendment application for re-start, myself and my immediate family members **are very opposed** to allowing Imperial Metals to re-open the Mount Polley Mine and to the permit application.

The starting of the milling operation will increase metals' concentrations within mill recycle water flows. The metals here are complex and would require an expensive form of mine water treatment. The MPMC has not agreed to even consider a treatment plant as an option. MPMC has only investigated "passive treatment." Now MPMC seems to be looking for *dilution* within the larger Quesnel lake or Quesnel river system by diffuser-pipe to save money. The water balance accumulation will require better management than MPMC have suggested.

The interstitial water/Arsenic and Cadmium that was released during the dam failure will cause possible dissolved heavy metals to enter the food web and depending upon the concentration of metals ...copper is lethal to fish and Cadmium lethal to bot fish and humans. Many sub-lethal biological impacts cannot be "measured." We do not know the effects on the small fish fry and we will not know these true impacts until the cycle of sockeye salmon-run do not return in 3 or 4 years. Until we better understand the long term impacts of this disaster we cannot agree to or justify

further re-start of operations.

There are two outstanding reports and many missing documents and amendments. The Conservation Service inquiry (in conjunction with the RCMP), and Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans, have not finalized their reports. The focus of government and MPMC should be on the future Water Management of the area and continued research this TSF disaster has caused.

Also, the Waste Handling Plan; the mines Act Permit; and the Effluent Discharge Permit, all need to be better explained to all of the local people.

We have endured lies and insults and this has caused misunderstanding in our community's.

Sincerely.

s.22

Williams Lake Tribune

Vancouver Sun

BC NDP MLA critics, Spencer Chandra Herbert and Katrine Conroy

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 11:51 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Regarding reopening - a complex issue

Thank you for taking our comments. s.22 I believe in sustainability and I would like to see the community of Likely endure. However, tourism is the no. 1 industry in Likely, and while the mine provides some temporary surges of money into the community, the preservation of Quesnel Lake and assurance of it's health for a lifetime of tourism outweighs the mine benefits by far.

I am very concerned that for years Mount Polley Mining Corporation applied to discharge supernatant water down Hazeltine Creek and into Quesnel Lake. These proposals were not accepted and there was much concern. Hazeltine Creek was home to 13 species of fish. I believe that by approving the MPMC permit with their plan to discharge water down Hazeltine Creek gives a clear message that if you eliminate the problem of fish - i.e. by destroying the habitat and making the creek no longer suitable for fish, then you are free to dump your mine waste.

Many many people feel that the clean up efforts have merely been a means to creating an effluent channel. This is unacceptable. We do not know the full impact of this breach. While the presentation to the public of all tests is that "everything is fine". The actual reports from Minnow show that there was fatality and reproductive impairment in Fathead Minnow and C. Daphnia. They suggested bi-monthly testing. The only follow up to this was a memo from Imperial Metals on January 15th stating that they have done a lot of testing and there were no toxicity due to metals. There are no independant lab reports to go with this? It stated in the Minnow report that " However, all Quesnel Lake deep water samples were observed to impair C. dubia reproduction". No follow up to this? Do you all just expect that none of us will read these reports?

My primary concern from the start is the possible return of endangered coho to this creek. These coho survived the last 100 years after flow from Bootjack Lake to Hazeltine Creek was diverted for Bullion Pit mining in the early 1900 and never restored. Flow to this creek was never restored due to mining, yet these fish managed to make it every year. Maybe only 12 fish, but they made it. We have to ensure a suitable habitat for these fish. There are no plans for cleaning tailings out of Quesnel Lake and no single expert has a positive answer for us yet as to how this is going to turn out. We need to see your primary concern being restoring this habitat and monitoring the fish and the creek and the lake. NOT allowing this mine to discharge down the creek into the lake.

I would like to see Mount Polley reopen at some capacity eventually if they were to do dry-stack tailings or water purification. It is unreasonable that after what happened they were given the green light to open Red Chris Mine and that now they are being considered to open MP without applying any best available technology. This is unacceptable. s.22 and one project called The Noah Project, which transforms industrial waste water back into healthy water, caught the eye of the International Joint Commission. We need to be forcing companies to use technology such as this. I feel we are backed into an unfair corner providing leniencies because they can't afford to stick around and clean up their mess without operating. They should be selling their interests in other projects, Ruddock Creek (which will never happen anyway), Huckelberry, and

I am a firm believe that Red Chris mine is a huge mistake, they should have sold that as well to a company that was willing to go back to the drawing board and create a mine plan using best available technology. Imperial Metals should have to sell their assets to get the money to clean up their mess, not threaten that they can't clean it up unless they operate with business as usual technology.

I want to see MPMC stick around, I want to see continued cleanup, but we need to see a better and safer plan, the absolute best possible technology. Quesnel Lake is the birthplace of one of the most diverse ecosystems; the lake deserves redemption of the highest order.

Thank you.

s.22

, concerned citizen

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 11:59 PM
To: MtPolley MinePermit MEM:EX
Subject: Close Down Mtn Polley Mine- s.22

I have s.22 and when Mtn. Polley Mine tailing lake burst, I took some time to look into the issue. What I found, scared the hell out of me, that the Government of Canada and BC would licence such a mine in the first place. This mine should have never opened up in this local, due to the local glacial clay terrain, the self policing and required maintenance of the toxic waste site well after the mine closes. Certainly, the mine should not be opened up ever. It should be closed down permanently, right now, today. I do not believe that this mine is sustainable. The cost to properly manage the waste site and the amount of water run off will cost the public taxpayer dearly over the next 1000 years and beyond. I calculated the amount of money made from this site, the benefits to the public in tax income and wages and business versus the price of looking after this site for over a 1000 years. This is short term gain (greed) for long term pain. This toxic waste site has to be managed well after the mine closes down and stops producing gold and copper. This kind of maintenance cost never show up in the mine's present bond. The present bond is for reconstituting and reclaiming the surrounding mine site after the site closes down. I believe from current BC government records that less than 19 million dollars is set aside for this kind of reclaiming so far. Presently what I have noticed is that the re-permitting of Mtn. Polley Mines is a licence to pollute our water ways with about 30 heavy metals. Some of these toxic metals are very damaging to human and animal life. This is totally unacceptable to me. In short, you are planing to dump thousands of cubic meters of toxic mine wastes into Hazeltine Creek or pipe it directly into Quesnel River . This would be a terrible crime and I will support to prosecution of any government official or politician who authorizes such a damaging event. I also think that the two outstanding investigations that were announced and have not been reported to the public, would be compromised, if you entertain such a permit reopening. I hope criminal charges are laid. This 30 day public process in a sham. no proper public notice and no documents presented. Sincerely yours, s.22

s.22

May 2, 2015

To anyone that will listen

The mine needs to open as soon as possible. s.22 can return to normal.
We fully support the application made to start operations at Mnt. Polley

s.22

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To whom it may concern

May 2, 2015

s.22

totally support the startup of Mnt.Polley at the earliest date

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May 2, 2015

To whom it may concern

s.22

*fully supports anything that can be done to open
Mnt. Polley as soon as possible.*

Our community has learned to lean on this mine and it is a vital part of our community!

s.22

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 3:10 PM
To: mine comments
Subject: mine

from s.22
May 2, 2015

We need the mine to reopen to save our town.
the economy of likely is suffering

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:51 PM
To: mine comments
Subject: reopen

May 2, 2015

Pleas let Mnt. Polley mine reopen asp
We need the work

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-02-15 1:48 PM
To: mine comments
Subject: save the mine

To whom it may concern

May 2, 2015

I fully support the application from imperial metals to reopen Mnt. Polley as soon as possible.

s.22

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-04-15 2:51 PM
To: inquiries@imperialmetals.com; MtPolleyMinePermit@gov.bc.ca
Subject: In Support of the Mount Polley Restart Applications

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing to you today on behalf of myself and the s.22

Yes, the Mount Polley tailings breach is an environmental mess. Yes, this mess needs to be cleaned up and the people whose lives are directly affected by it need to be made whole again, but most importantly, YES! Mount Polley mine needs to reopen in a safe and planned fashion.

Four hundred men and women laid off = 400 houses without their primary earner bringing home the pay cheque. This means 400 households unable to pay mortgages, car loans, buy groceries, pay their taxes, go out to eat, fix their cars, buy clothes, go to the movies, *spend money at* s.22 The list goes on and on.

It also means the end to the millions of dollars the mine spends in town buying tools or parts, getting equipment fixed, using contractors for building, maintenance, and busing their workers to the site will also be gone. This means hundreds more indirect jobs also lost.

If this is a permanent closure where do these families go? Most of them will move away from Williams Lake and now that's easily 400 less kids in our school system, or another school closure. 400 less tax payers to pay to fix potholes. 400 houses all for sale and no one to buy them.

What right does anyone have to wish these men and women lose their jobs permanently? We are a resource based community and for that there are sometimes consequences but I see Mount Polley making it right, doing long term planning to avoid further environmental disasters, and being a great community partner.

I support the reopening of Imperial Metals at the Mount Polley mine site.

Sincerely,



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From: s.22
Sent: May-04-15 3:43 PM
To: MtPolleyMinePermit@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Re-Opening Mount Polley

We are fully supporting Mount Polley Mine re-opening. The world is not a perfect place, when things go wrong such as this we all learn how to do better, be better. The ongoing work at the mine site is impressive to say the least. Lets get back to work!

Sincerely

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-04-15 4:01 PM
To: MtPolleyMinePermit@gov.bc.ca
Cc: inquiries@imperialmetals.com
Subject: Support for reopening of Polley Mine

To whom it may concern,

As an s.22 I'm writing to you today on behalf of s.22 who are directly dependent on the mine for their pay check to support their families and current life styles. Without this mine s.22, would not be in operation and with no new operations in the near future things would look awful bleak.

Yes we had a unfortunate incident happen with potential environmental damage to a pristine watershed but the reality of it all was an oversight was made on ground conditions by many people when this dam was constructed many years ago. Unfortunately Imperial Metals is being made out to be the villain in all this. The sad part is people have not had the opportunity to see all the hard work and millions of dollars of restoration going into this project. I feel very strongly that Mt Polley has proven they want to do what is required of them and are not shurking responsibility from the situation at hand.

For the hundreds of men and women, local and out of town, native and non-native who get their lively hood from the mine it would be devastating for it not to re-open. The blow to the economic progress of our city would take an equally hard hit. This is why a permanent closure is not acceptable for the Cariboo as a whole as it also takes away income of many business's who depend on this mine. It also affects a great deal of government revenue which in turn pays for our hospitals, roads, social services as well as other government funded services.

We all realize and appreciate the environmental damage caused by the breach, but we all also realize the effort going back into making it whole. I, along with many in the rest of the concerned community, do not want to see a half corrected start-up but must ensure all required works are being done right as outlined by our environmental process. No corners cut but common sense must be used, not emotional backlash against Imperial Metals as the reclamation efforts continue.

This is where the 50% start up comes into play, it allows the employees, local businesses, and all of the local economy to have some certainty going forward. Mount Polley mines is a major part of the well being of this community and they have proven that since the breach has occurred by doing all in their power to deal with this issue. Please remember the people who have the least to lose are the ones making the most negative noise about this restart. If these people only looked to see where their monthly checks come from they might think differently. Natural resources put food on the table and fuel in the tanks of the new pickups they all like to drive.

s.22 support the 50% start up and then as remaining conditions and issues are dealt with as required the mine be returned to its full capacity.

VERY STRONGLY



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From: s.22
Sent: May-04-15 4:15 PM
To: MtPolleyMinePermit@gov.bc.ca; inquiries@imperialmetals.com
Subject: Support for Polley

We need this mine to reopen and continue it's operations. Too many people in too many industries count on it and the company has lost enough money to take all future safety precautions extremely seriously. Let's hope they'll be operating again sooner rather than later.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: May-04-15 3:46 PM
To: inquiries@imperialmetals.com
Subject: Support

My husband and I are in full support of the mine reopening s.22
however it is becoming increasingly apparent to us that this may not be possible due the recent and continuing economy
s.22 or lack there of.

Sincerely,
s.22

APPENDIX E

PUBLIC COMMENT TEMPLATES

Celia

Protesting Mount Polley re-opening - deadline May 2

Fri May 1, 2015 9:10pm

Copy and Email this Letter Against Mt Polley Mine Re-opening to mtpolleyminepermit@gov.bc.ca by May 2, 2015

April 24, 2015 at 3:34pm

Below is a copy of the letter I will be sending....please copy and paste it, edited or not, or draft your own, and email to mtpolleyminepermit@gov.bc.ca by May 2, 2015. Each letter received WILL be tallied by the govt. Petitions are helpful but individual letters have more weight. Thank you.

more info below the photograph

mtpolleyminepermit@gov.bc.ca

Cc: your MLA (Alphabetical List <https://www.leg.bc.ca/mla/3-1-7.htm>; MLA Finder <https://www.leg.bc.ca/mla/3-1-1.htm>)

Cc: your MP (<http://www.parl.gc.ca/Parliamentarians/en/members>)

Cc: friends, family etc. to share with so they can copy and paste and email

To Whom it May Concern,

I am very opposed to allowing Imperial Metals to re-open the Mount Polley Mine. Based on my discussions with many indigenous peoples, I do not believe that the re-opening of the mine has the support of the majority of peoples of the Secwepemc Nation, nor the general (indigenous and not) populace off reserve. Williams Lake Band council may appear to support this endeavour, but that does not mean that the majority of Williams Lake Band members do support it. Also, Williams Lake Band does not speak for all Secwepemc peoples. The only way to really understand the interests of the Secwepemc and settler peoples of the regions affected, in my opinion, is to create a poll or referendum. Imperial Metals states that they fulfilled their obligation to have community meetings but in no way reports on how they were responded to by the communities. The BC Conservation Service inquiry, in conjunction with the RCMP, Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, is investigating the impacts of the Mt Polley Breach on the environment and their report is not due out until June. Will the results of that investigation be available for the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry of Environment to use in their decision about this re-opening permit application? Why is the deadline for public comment so soon, meaning that we will not have these BC Conservation Service inquiry results available to us by your May 2 deadline for public comment?

It states in the Water Management Plan (WMP) document (Golder 2015) that the current permit allows 1.4 million cubic mm of water discharge, while at the same time stating that the current discharge could be 3 times that. It also states that onsite levels of Nitrate, Copper, Sulphate, Aluminum, Iron, Selenium and Suspended Solids are above accepted concentrations. The report implies that if the WMP is not pushed through then previously unaffected areas like Bootjack Lake will potentially be impacted. This feels like the threat of contamination of Bootjack Lake is being used to push through the latest permit application. The Return to Restricted Operations permit application implies that they will be working at reduced capacities, although the work suggested is at half load, which is still very substantial. I feel strongly that pushing this Return to Restricted Operations Permit through before the results from the BC Conservation et al inquiry, and a fuller understanding of the actual individual First Nations and settler support or rejection of this permit is unacceptable. Scientists in the area reported a substantial diatom die-off in the fall of 2014 in Quesnel Lake. Diatoms feed zooplankton that salmon fry consume. Until we better understand the long term impacts of the disaster on the environment, we cannot justify putting any more people, animals and flora in jeopardy by re-opening the mine. The clean-up that has occurred (minimal) barely begins to address the impacts on the environment. I suggest that more time is spent getting an understanding of the long term impacts especially on salmon before any re-opening at any capacity will be considered. The WMP could be put into place without starting up the mine again.

Sincerely,

Your name

please see below links for more info

Wood chips cover the tailings sludge that covers the landscape along Hazeltine Creek to Quesnel, Lake, BC Photo by Nicky Young
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The Secwepemc Woman Warriors Society calls on all people across the land to use any tactics possible to stand in solidarity with the Secwepemc Peoples eviction of Imperial Metals from their Territory! Please hear our cries. There is not much time left to send in comments to join in our outrage that the province, municipality of Williams Lake and Imperial Metals, Mount Polley are trying to reopen their mine.

Kanahus Manuel (Secwepemc) speaks about this issue in a short video by Nicky Young:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvahN7pdXek>

Global Day of Action: Stop Mount Polley Mine Re-opening Wednesday April 29, 2015 Around the World Facebook Event Page

<https://www.facebook.com/events/479754152172313/>

Here are the links to the applications to look over:

http://mssi.nrs.gov.bc.ca/MountPolleyIncidentPage/MountPolley_ReturntoRestrictedOperations_PermitApplication_Marc

http://mssi.nrs.gov.bc.ca/MountPolleyIncidentPage/MountPolley_WaterManagementPlan_March2015.pdf This Golder and Associates report implies that if this Water Management Plan is not accepted, more damage will happen, ie. overflow of Springer Pit water/discharge into water table, thereby affecting Bootjack Lake, which is apparently so far not impacted by this event. It states that the current permit allows a maximum water discharge of 1.4 million cubic mm, even tho the current output estimate is 4 times that amount. Tables show that onsite levels of Nitrate, Copper, Sulphate, Aluminum, Iron, Selenium and Suspended Solids are above accepted concentrations

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British Columbia must reject the reopening of Imperial Metals' Mount Polley mine without the consent of communities impacted by the tailings disaster.

The Government of British Columbia is failing the indigenous people of Secwepemc territories, the residents of Likely, BC and those living on the Quesnel and Fraser River watersheds. This is a matter of urgent concern for all our organizations.

On August 4, 2014, the tailings storage facility at the Mount Polley mine, near Likely, BC, and owned by Imperial Metals Corporation (IMC), had a catastrophic failure, allowing approximately 25 millions cubic metres of toxic sludge and contaminated water to rush into nearby Polley Lake and seven kilometres down Hazeltine Creek to Quesnel Lake. This spill is one of the biggest environmental disasters in modern Canadian history.

The B.C. government initially denied it was an environmental disaster, has downplayed the damage and has taken little to no action to assure that such a disaster will not happen again. Now, Imperial Metals Corporation has submitted an application to provincial regulators to return to operations. Our organizations strongly urge that this application be rejected for the following reasons:

Continuing Ecological Destruction: In the eight months since the August 4, 2014 failure of the tailings storage facility, IMC's wholly-owned subsidiary Mount Polley Mining Corporation (MPMC) has demonstrated greater effort to ready the tailings storage facility for imminent production than to remediate the land and prevent further pollution of Quesnel Lake and the downstream rivers. Now the company plans to release "treated" mining wastewater back into the watershed and potentially use Quesnel Lake as the site of discharge.

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There is still time for the provincial government to do the right thing. The Premier needs to act now to demonstrate her government's commitment to respecting and upholding the rights of Indigenous peoples and the people of B.C.

Signed:

Ancestral Pride
Beyond Boarding
Building Bridges - Human Rights Vancouver
Café Rebelde
The Council of Canadians
E-Tech International
Forest Action Network
Fraser Riverkeeper
Indigenous Network on Economies and Trade
Leadnow
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Mining Injustice Solidarity Network
MiningWatch Canada
Native Youth Movement
No One Is Illegal - Toronto
No One Is Illegal - Vancouver, Coast Salish Territories
Rising Tide - Vancouver, Coast Salish Territories
Secwepemc Nation Youth Network
Secwepemc Woman Warrior Society
Streams of Justice
Vancouver Ecosocialist Group
Water Wealth Project

Petitioning Premier of BC Christy Clark and 4 others

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