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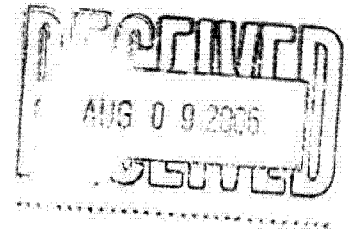


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Dear Ms. Myles

I am writing to express my reservations with the proposed quarry at White's Point on Digby Neck in Nova Scotia. In particular, I remain concerned that the socio-economic costs of this project far outweigh benefits.

Digby Neck is home to a pristine and fragile ecosystem that must be taken into account when considering any development. On balance, I do not believe that this quarry is the type of development that we want to see in this area.

White's Point and Digby Neck is an area steeped in history and tradition. The local economy depends on small business, fishing and tourism, including whale watching tours. These businesses would be significantly impacted by the kind of development entailed in this proposal.

In addition, this community is home to many retirees and summer residences. Building a quarry at White's Point would pose significant quality of life disruptions to families who have lived and vacationed on Digby Neck for generations.

Put simply, this project contains significant risk with little reward. I do not believe that it is in the best interest of this region and I respectfully request that the Joint Review Panel carefully consider all of the social and economic impacts of this development project.

If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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