

*circa 18/9/91*

John Leefe, Minister of Environment  
Province House  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Minister:

This is a letter to inform you of the action being taken in our community to oppose the gravel quarry proposed for St. Ann's Bay, and to enlist your cooperation on this matter. We will be releasing a more detailed statement soon but we wish to make our position clear to you and all concerned at this time.

A tidewater gravel quarry is proposed for Kelly's Mountain. It will include a battery of crushers, a washing facility, a thousand foot breakwater and a pier for loading 1000 foot ore carriers in St. Ann's Bay. The quarry will crush and ship six million tons of gravel a year to the Atlantic and Gulf Coast U.S. and the Caribbean.

The potential damage to the local inshore fishery includes siltation, runoffs of mining wastes and engine oil, blasting shocks, destruction of lobster spawning and fishing grounds by pier and breakwater construction, and water contamination from oil laced bilges and polluted ballast water from the rivers and ports where the carrier ships unload.

Damage to the recreational and aesthetic value of St. Ann's Bay will include 24 hours of noise, floodlights and traffic in a wilderness area extending from Englishtown to Cape Dauphine.

In the meantime, there has been considerable work clearing and bulldozing of roads, and steam crossings have already gone ahead before the Environmental Assessment is completed.

People concerned about the long term consequences of this project to the inshore fishery, Kelly's Mountain and the quality of our lives, are urged to attend a meeting to organize opposition to the quarry on Wednesday, Sept. 20th, 7:30 pm, at the Englishtown Community Hall.

Sincerely,



Aaron Schneider for the Save Kelly's Mountain Society



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