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Nova Scotia that community identity could be broadly defined as a community of interest or emotional attachment or a sense of belonging to a geographic area, and they describe a number of factors that can actually contribute to the weakening of community identity, these being growth beyond early historic community boundaries, a decrease in population base, a decline in a community's economic base, and a loss of influence in decision making.

Not only do we think that this should be described in a setting, maybe it should also be included as a VEC, a Valuable Environmental Component, I believe. So I think that would be something that should be taken quite seriously.

Moving on, cumulative effects, although very important, it seems that the guidelines seem to describe specifically cumulative environmental effects, and looking through at the greater picture when there's a quarry put in and then there's a terminal and then there's a change in the traffic patterns and there's a change in how the shops are -- like the types of shops that are there, it might be interesting to take note that like on a greater picture how these all contribute
dead. Hang on a second.

MS. DODARO: Hi, my name is Paula Dodaro, and this is just really a small point. He mentioned that the salaries, the wages down there were 15 percent below such and such a level, but how does that compare, a salary down there, the same salary there as opposed to Halifax, you know? Down in Digby Neck I have the feeling that might be a pretty good salary, so I think that needs to be clarified. I just wanted to ask you about that.

MR. CORBETT: Yeah, that's a very interesting point. I mean, one of the things about rural Nova Scotia is that we kind of barter and we're very family oriented, and you're right, forty thousand bucks as a family income on Digby Neck sure doesn't mean the same thing as forty thousand bucks as a family income in Bedford or in Toronto. Yeah.

And I think, I wonder if that's something that the parameters of the panel needs to pay attention to here. The structures of making a living, I think, are very kind of complex, and not only connected to place but also connected to relationships that people have with one another both through friendship and kinship, that allow