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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: NO - no more destruction of the environment and no extreme heavy traffic on the road and no more noise Name:

Email: @gmail.com Address: , Municipality: Port
Dufferin email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 49 y: 23

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I am writing to express my support for the Touquoy Gold Mine project and join 76 of Nova Scotians that support environmentally responsible gold mining in the province. I am asking that you and your government allow the project modifications at the Touquoy mine to proceed in an environmentally responsible way. Atlantic Operations has embraced participating in a stringent Environmental Assessment process for the Touquoy mine modifications in good faith and has developed a plan to assess and mitigate any environmental impacts that may result. To not allow these modifications to proceed would not be in keeping with the science-based assessment process and could put hundreds of Nova Scotians's jobs at risk. I am confident that the team responsible for this project, including third-party technical specialists, have completed thorough investigations, analysis, and design to provide fulsome responses to the information requests, and I am confident in the conclusions presented. The work carried out and presented in St Barbara's most recent submission confirms the earlier conclusions: in consideration of the assessment, mitigation, and planned follow up and monitoring, the planned modifications to the Touquoy site are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. I look forward to hearing more about how this government is supporting much needed rural economic development in Nova Scotia. Name: Email: e@hotmail.com Address:

Municipality: Mooseland email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 99 y:

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: While reading these documents I could not help but wonder if there is a double standard of environmental risk assessment within the province. There is great deal of work, with great expense, required to evaluate the risk of metal contamination and acid rock drainage ARD at mine sites. In contrast, at commercial construction sites within the city of Halifax, underlain by ARD generating rocks, containing the same sulphide minerals present at the mine sites, the developers are only required to dig the rocks out and deposit them at a government approved dumping site. The rocks have been used as harbour infill in Bedford, Kings Wharf, the Fairview Container Terminal Extension, and will soon be used as infill at the South End Container Terminal. The idea is the excavated ARD rocks must be deposited below the harbour low tide water surface so they are not exposed to air that would trigger the ARD reaction. This is the same rationale used when burying the mine tailings in the abandoned open pit while maintaining a water cover over them. So, the interesting part is that the mine must undertake expensive scientific studies to prove the metals in the tailings do not become mobilized over time, but the ARD rock placed in the harbour requires no environmental monitoring or proof that they will not contaminate the marine environment. The groundwater studies conducted at the mine indicate there will be some mobilization of metals out of the tailings. The sulphide concentrations in some of the slate units excavated out of the commercial construction foundations are much higher than the mine rocks. I think it is reasonable to assume there will be metal migration out of the ARD rocks dumped in the harbour. Why is there so much concern about the risk at the mine, but almost no concern expressed about the ARD rocks being dumped in the harbour? Is the harbour environment so contaminated that we no longer care about it? If the metals make their way into the aquatic environment and up the food chain at the mine, won't they do the same in the harbour? I think both sites pose a risk to the environment so why is one considered high risk with lots of permitting scrutiny while the other has no environmental assessment or environmental monitoring requirements? I am not a hydrogeologist or geochemist so I will not make comments on those topics, but as a retired geologist I feel a responsibility to make observations on other aspects of the report. I like other Nova Scotian taxpayers do not want to be on the hook to pay for future reclamation expenses as we are for historic mining operations. The information required to address my observations may already exist in the posted documentation. I will admit that I did not read every appendix or document. There is just too much information provided to review in full, especially when I am spending my own time and my own dime to conduct the review. The hydraulic conductivity of the faults was the focus of the studies in this appended EA. I found the geological information provided on the faults to be very limited. The maps illustrate the strike orientation of the faults, but no dip information was provided. It would have been useful to see the faults projected in the 3-d models. I am assuming they were projected to determine the drillhole depth and orientation required to core the fault structure. A structural geology report that was stated to contain more information on the faults was referenced in the reports as being found in appendix E, but it was not included in the online appendix. It would have also been useful to have the bedding orientations, stratigraphic units, and the anticlinal fold structure projected on the 3-d model showing the

underground workings. I suspect the folding associated with the anticline opens as many fluid pathways as the faults. After all, it provided the pathway for the fluids that carried the gold. Although some of those fluid pathways were subsequently sealed with the deposition of the quartz veins in the voids and along fractures. The drillholes could also have been projected on this 3-d model to visually demonstrate the projected intersection of the drillholes and fault structures. I assume the faults were mapped in the quarry walls and benches. It would have been useful to include some description, possibly accompanied by pictures of the faults as observed in the quarry, along with interpreted degree and extent of displacement on the faults. For example, was there 5 m of displacement or 50 m, and how much brecciation was associated with that movement? Was there 2 cm of clay and breccia on the fault or 2m of brecciation? This provides a much easier method of predicting the fluid flow risk than a simple strike line shown on a quarry map. Given the limited amount of geological data provided, the reader has very limited data to assess the fault fluid flow risk. Due to the orientation of the drillholes, they cross bedding at various angles, some drillholes appear to be almost perpendicular to bedding while others cut bedding at sharp angles. This can impact the visual appearance of the core, with some drillcore being more broken up than others, simply because of the core angle to bedding and the tendency for the core to break along bedding surfaces. The inclusion of the drillhole projected into the 3-d model could have also illustrated the points where the drillholes cut the old workings. I am curious about the orientation of the drillholes. If you want to get a true sense of the width and deformation associated with a fault, it is best to orientate the drillhole so the hole cuts the fault at an angle which is perpendicular to the strike and dip of the fault. Given the mapped dip orientation of the faults is not provided, it is impossible to determine if the holes were drilled to cut them at this angle. In one instance, hole BH-21-10, the drillhole is orientated parallel to the mapped strike direction of the fault it was designed to test. I can only assume the fault dips west or the drillhole would have missed the fault. It is a very odd orientation and makes me wonder if it intersected its proposed target. Two of the drillholes 03 and 09 were moved from their proposed location to reduce the risk to the drilling rig. Mine subsidence was reported in the proposed locations. This raises another issue which I did not see addressed in the report. The mine workings intersect the quarry walls and I assume are exposed there. There is a plan documented in the report to seal the quarry wall around the workings, but there is no plan included on how the workings will be sealed before this liner is installed. What will prevent the clay liner from slumping into the old workings once the load of tailings and water cover are placed on the liner? There appears to be an area of sub vertical mine stope that extends close to surface. They were probably chasing the quartz veins upward from the lower levels of the mine. In other mining districts they stoped very close to surface, to the extent there is often mine subsidence along the remaining roof. This stope extends into the pit. What measures are being taken to prevent the collapse of the old workings, potentially opening a water flow portal towards Moose River. It was recognized by the subsidence observed around drillholes 03 and 09 that there is a risk of further collapse. Although it is not addressed here the proposed plan is to dump the tailings from the three other proposed mines into the pit. Two of the mines will have gravity and flotation plants onsite so only a gold -sulphide concentrate will be shipped to the Toquoy Mine site for final processing. The final tails from these two mines will be sulphide rich. I believe the risk potential for the pit should include these tailings in their calculations because the concentrated sulphides will increase the ARD risk and the risk of metals being released into Moose River. Any prevention measures required to decrease that risk must be taken now while the pit is empty. As noted in the independent third-party risk analyses, the company could opt for long term monitoring and treatment of the pit water. That is a considerable expense, and not one that is addressed with significant documentation in the reclamation plans so I am assuming it is not a serious option being considered. In closing, I

want to state that I hope the mine proceeds because it creates significant good paying jobs. However, lets get it right so Nova Scotians will not be on the hook for a major cleanup 20, 50 or 100 years from now! Name: Email: t@hotmail.com Address: Mount Uniacke Municipality: Mount Uniacke, Canada email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 57 y: 29

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I live in the small community of Dean which is part of the Musquodoboit Valley and HRM. I have lived here for 15 years and became concerned about our natural wilderness being destroyed by the Atlantic Gold Mine as soon as it was announced and hearing that the company wants to spread out and pollute an ever increasing amount of hectares is extremely upsetting. This area was mined many years ago and although some areas are so polluted they will never support life again, some areas were recovering somewhat but now the company wants to attack Nova Scotias natural wilderness areas all for a few more ounces of Gold. Canada has lost so much nature in the past 50 years plus we have the climate crisis that will continue to burn, flood and starve both humans and all life on Earth. Please do what is best for all life on Earth not what big multimillionaire corporations what to increase their profits - their claims to work to protect nature are all lies. As the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and as an x-Greenpeacer, I expect you to do everything in your power to protect the environment and prevent the increase of climate change. Name: Email:

@xplornet.com Address: Municipality: Dean email_message:
Privacy-Statement: agree x: 34 y: 24

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: The endangered wildlife such as salmon and moose are deeply at risk from these gold mine sites and should not be allowed to proceed, unfortunately they can bribe or pay off who ever necessary to get the answer they want, after clear violations and environmental hazards they cause is a tell tale of whats to come if they get granted permission Name: Email: @live.ca Address:
Municipality: Dartmouth email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 53 y: 16

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: It's a cliché to say we should save nature for future generations. But that's exactly what we should do, isn't it? I have four young grandchildren. My granddaughter is happiest traipsing through the woods and running through meadows. She turns rocks and rotten logs over just to see what's living under them. She loves snakes and salamanders. She has a Tupperware container with holes punched in the top and a layer of dirt on the bottom. This past summer she has cared for a number of pets: two earthworms, an inch worm, a couple of land snails and six garden slugs. All her pets have names. She feeds them cabbage leaves and sprinkles them with water. And, with the help of her parents, she learns about them. She's very curious about the natural world around her. She showed me the eggs that the slugs laid. Who knew slugs lay eggs? My granddaughter does. She loves to be in nature. She loves to learn about nature. But we are losing nature incrementally, bit by bit. If we don't stop, we will be telling kids like my granddaughter and all the generations to come: "Oh yes, Nature. We used that up. Sorry? We've got to stop using up nature. Name: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: LaHave, NS email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 66 y: 28

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: We do not need any more mining in Nova Scotia. Our land has been pillage and degraded for years and years. These companies come and create a few jobs for a short time then leave a huge cleanup for the taxpayers. Restore our salmon rivers to what they were in the past. Keep what little we have left of our forests. Create a world class salmon and trout fishery in our province and the communities that depended on fishers to spent dollars in there communities can flourish once again. Creating places for people to come and enjoy will last forever not a few years. Make tourism and enjoyment of this special resource a reality before itâ?Ts to late. Looking after our natural resources is the best money maker for our province. I donâ?Tt understand why our elected officials do not see the difference between a large corporation that says it cares but we all know that all they care about is the dollar and nothing more. Name: _____ Email: _____
@outlook.com Address: _____ Municipality: Avonport email_message:
Privacy-Statement: agree x: 62 y: 19

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I am against any activity for expansion along any salmon rivers. We are trying to bring back the salmon not kill it. Government has spent our hard earned money for salmon why now go against the saving of the salmon. Say no Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Spry Harbour email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 60 y: 18

From: @eastlink.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Not a happy camper with this proposal. Salmon are just coming back again, why take the chance of wiping them out. Name:

Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Municipality: HRM email_message:

Privacy-Statement: agree x: 83 y: 32

From: n@yahoo.ca
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: We and the salmon as well as other fish need clean unpolluted water more than we need gold mines. When they are finished extracting the gold the people of Nova Scotia will be left with a mess to clean up and polluted rivers etc to try and restore, that is if is even possible. Name: Email:
@yahoo.ca Address: Municipality: Antigonish
email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 58 y: 23

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: This is not sustainable. Long term gain would be to leave these wild places untouched. A gold mine will bring short term money and destroy wildlife habitat for generations, if not forever. It shouldnt even be a question. Especially the St Marys! Name: Email: @gmail.com
Address: Municipality: Lower Sackville email_message: Privacy-
Statement: agree x: 39 y: 22

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I am adamantly opposed to the proposed modifications. The sites that are currently operated, and the sites proposed by Atlantic Gold endanger the habitat of wild, native, threatened species like mainland moose and Atlantic salmon. We cannot allow them to continually destroy our landscapes and watersheds for short term, limited profits. Name: Email: @unb.ca
Municipality: Robinsons Corner email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 81 y: 24

From: @outlook.com
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I donâ?Tt agree with allowing the mining operations to expand as there will be adverse environmental impacts. You can look around the province and see examples of previous and current mining operations that have impacted the environment and human health. Name: Rob Johnson Email: Rob.johnson33@outlook.com Address: 62 Rand Street Municipality: Hantsport email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 86 y: 25

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Preserving natural sites throughout Nova Scotia makes much more sense than offering short term economic opportunity to a relatively small number of people who will benefit from a mine. Please take the long and inclusive perspective! Name: Email: @gmail.com
Address: Municipality: Toronto email_message: Privacy-Statement:
agree x: 67 y: 12

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: This area is one of the last truly wild and accessible places in our province. As an outdoorsman and fly fisherman it would be a sin to see this mine travelling and exploring this area let alone the long term degradation and environmental impact once the operator is gone. This decision to be made by the province will outlast our generations as a mistake to destroying a wild habitat. The long term economic value of the ecosystem outweighs today's value if you can take a long enough view of this decision's impact. Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Halifax email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 76 y:

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Surprised and disappointed to learn that the Provincial Government hasnt intervned on behalf of the citizens to protect the valuable watershed areas against short term open pit mining and long term environmental

damagae. Where are our elected representatives? Name: Email:
@hotmail.com Address: . Municipality: Halifax,N.S.
email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 55 y: 29

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I am totally opposed to any kind of expansion of this site. As a resident of Mushaboom I am very concerned about the potential for contamination of our groundwater and also very concerned about the potential for contaminants in the nearby rivers and ocean. The Nova Scotia Salmon Association has been working very hard in conjunction with the provincial government to bring back a healthy environment for Atlantic Salmon in our rivers. Why would this work be jeopardized. I also question the very short term supposed gain from this project with little in the way of long term rewards for the local community. Our environment is our livelihood on this shore and we need development that does not put this at risk. Name:

Municipality: Tangier

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I apposed the expansion project for obvious environmental concerns and the impact on the Atlantic Salmon and other fish species. Once gone they will never be back. Name: Email:

@gmail.com Address: Municipality: Hampton NB
email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 77 y: 32

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Please don't allow Atlantic Gold to expand its operations. They will destroy sensitive ecosystems and Salmon habitat. Our province is precious and the Eastern shore is special- we should protect this land for future generations and for the present generation. There will be no economy without a good environment. Name: Email: @ns.simpatico.ca Address:

Municipality: Dartmouth email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I dont support any expansion or continuation of operations of tye gold mine as someone who has lived in tge community of musquodoboit for 25 years they have done nothing for us Name: Email:
@gmail.com Address: Municipality: Middle musquodoboitpp
email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 65 y: 21

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: No expansion. Harmful to rivers
waters lands communities of all animals Name: Email:

!@gmail.com Address: Municipality: Windsor

email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 61 y: 25

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I oppose proposed modifications to the river system in this area because of potential impacts to the integrity of the ecology of the area, notably the natural salmon population which continues to be under threat. River systems are the life force of an integrated ecological system. Altering these systems is like altering the blood system of a human body. Nothing good can come if it. I, among many other Nova Scotians, feel that environmental preservation must be prioritized and that any economic development must respect ecological health and integrity. Name: Email:

@gmail.com Address: Municipality: Halifax email_message:
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: This project is great for our province. Canada and Nova Scotia have the some of the most ethical and environmentally friendly practices in the world and this project falls in line with that standard. Projects like this allow the province to retain workers who would otherwise be leaving our province for work and creates many much needed jobs. Name: Email:

gmail.com Address:

Municipality: Falmouth

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: For future generations please protect the water and salmon by not allowing gold mine expansions and new developments.

Respect the tradition lands of the Miâ?Tkmaq nation. Name: Email:
@gmail.com Address: Municipality: Middleton email_message:
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Mikmaq Grassroots Grandmothers- Sipeknekatik oppose the destruction of rivers surrounding the Gold mining sites and the proposed expansion of mining and use of the fresh water needed by salmon and other species, human needs for clean water and ground water. This gold mining is not beneficial to NS or the unceded lands and waters of Mikmaki. There has not been adequate, meaningful consultation with Mikmaki on Treaty rights to fish and hunt, gather and sacred spaces. The threat to fish and wildlife and human life if there is a toxic spill is too devastating to imagine and has to be prevented. Water is more precious than gold, we can't drink gold. There is an Indigenous prophecy that speaks to this project. There will come a time when an ounce of water will be more valuable than an ounce of gold. No matter how much money or gold you have, you won't be able to buy water because of how precious the water is. That time is now. Stop the Touquoy Gold Project now and stop the site modifications and expansions now. We need clean rivers to sustain our grandchild and future generations. Touquoy mining has profited enough off our unceded Mikmaki and destroyed enough land and water, no benefit at all, leaving behind toxic water and lands for future generations to clean up. Name:

Email: d@hotmail.com Address
Municipality: Indian Brook email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 55 y: 25

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I am adamantly opposed to this expansion because of the monstrous negative effect it would have on the surrounding especially regarding the water quality for salmon and other native fish species. Name:

Municipality: Antigonish email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 55 y: 14

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Considering the reasons in Bancroft v. NS Lands and Forests 2020, the specific effects of foreseeable consequences from this project reported by other jurisdictions and the commentary on the global IPCC report, it is irresponsible for the government of NS to put conservation areas at risk by approving modifications proposed by Touquoy Gold. Over time, the Province's consistent weighting of narrowly described and distributed classes of socioeconomic benefits has resulted in expanding areas of damage and contamination, with benefits enjoyed by current investors and administrations and costs to physical and biological systems pushed forward, borne by small communities or shrugged off. The public response to Owls Head and Archibald Lake show that the people in NS are increasingly aware of the true costs of these extractive deals and unwilling to accept the structured choice of poverty versus investor-driven profit opportunities that deny the intrinsic value of shared air, water and ecosystems. In 2022, given successive IPCC reports and the 30 years of poverty rates in NS, it's a failure of successive provincial and federal governments that this type of project even made it to the consideration stage. Name: _____ Email: _____@gmail.com Address: _____

Municipality: North Grand Pre email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 78 y: 22

From: y@harrythurston.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 19, 2022 12:54:28 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Gold mining is an inherently damaging process to the environment, as history shows, and in this case, threatens watersheds that have been remediated and harbor threatened species such as Atlantic salmon. Name:

Email: @harrythurston.ca Address: Municipality:
Tidnish Bridge email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 68 y: 27

From: @sichbo.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 19, 2022 4:12:57 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: The proponent has not completed satisfactory homework here. 1 In touquoy-addendum-cvr-ltr-march-16.pdf page 2 says Mitigation and the engineering and construction methods proposed have been used by Stantecs direct experience at the Cerro Corona Mine in Peru. Sounds good. Lets see how that worked out... <https://catapa.be/en/the-el-tingo-case/> Water pollution caused by toxic mining waste has radically transformed the regional ecosystem, poisoning the land. On several occasions these rains have caused the tailing dams to overflow, leaking mining waste into the surrounding pastures and water basins and generating catastrophic consequences. December 2018, where a tailings spill caused the death of 17,000 trout present in the fish farm La trucha de oro. Not well. 2 The memo goes on to say ...third-party technical specialists, have completed thorough investigations, analysis, and design to provide fulsome responses to the information requests. To quote the third-party specialists app-c-d-e.pdf: The request to utilize the open pit for tailings disposal will create a second source area of potential contamination, which may require treatment. The modelling documents submitted by the proponent in support of tailings disposal in the open pit lack sufficient detail to confirm the conclusions of these studies that the effects will not be significant. 3 Furthermore, 2.app-a-IR-8.pdf on page 5 et al. In preparing the document, Stantec did not verify information supplied to it by others. Any use which a third party makes of this document is the responsibility of such third party. Stantecs boilerplate disclaimer puts red flags over much of whats been compiled by them. It renders it all rather pointless if they havent verified all of the information used in their work. 4 In addendum/app-b.1-appendixA-B.pdf drawing numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5. Why have they crudely photoshopped lush green Microsoft/Bing Maps satellite imagery around the true drone photos? 5 Why is the open pit being further contaminated instead of being reclaimed to a reasonably clean and natural state? Was reclamation of the site not a condition of the original mines approval? If not, who signed off on that? I disagree that AMNS have satisfied all the requirements to progress this Environmental Assessment to an approval decision. This is a complacent, reckless, inadequate, naive and short-sighted plan with no foresight into dealing with the failing system in perpetuity. Name: Email: @sichbo.ca
Address: Municipality: Sherbrooke email_message:
Privacy-Statement: agree x: 49 y: 28

From: @gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 19, 2022 11:01:26 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: This is detrimental to the environment. We do not want this. Name: Email: t@gmail.com Address: 2 Municipality: Sherbrooke email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 57 y: 23

From: t@shaw.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 20, 2022 4:24:09 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Humans are ruining the land and water that sustains us all, humans, fish, land, even the air - PLEASE just stop such expansions.

Name: Email: @shaw.ca Address: Municipality: Parksville bc
email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 87 y: 19

From: environment@novascotia.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 12:48:19 AM

Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: As a team member at St Barbara's Atlantic Operations, I know how important these proposed project modifications are to the region where we work. We have operated safely since 2017 and these proposed modifications will aid us in continuing to operate in the same safe, sustainable and respectable way to the environment. Many of my colleagues worked hard on the numerous documents and studies that were completed and submitted to the government, I have confidence in the science that was used and that these modifications can be completed to a very high standard. I am confident that the team responsible for this project, including third-party technical specialists, have completed thorough investigations, analysis, and designs to provide fulsome responses to the information requests, and am confident in the conclusions presented. The work carried out and presented in the submission confirms the conclusions presented earlier: in consideration of the assessment, mitigation, planned follow up and monitoring, the planned modifications to the Touquoy site are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. I thank you for your time and fully support these modifications being approved. Name:

Email: Address: Municipality: email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 70 y: 35

From: @gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 9:15:07 AM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I have been to waste tailings sites in both NL and NS. Residual waste water can be a pH 2. I am very concerned that this project will affect nearby watercourses and groundwater, most especially those that feed into salmon habitat. Past habitat tech with NS Dept of Fisheries Name: _____ Email: _____
@gmail.com Address: _____ Municipality: _____
Middleton email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 66 y: 18

From: @gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 9:24:14 AM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I support the Touquoy gold project site modifications. The mine operates safely and an in environmentally responsible way and provides well paid, stable jobs for people living in rural Nova Scotia. Name:

OR6 Municipality: Bedford email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 86 y: 16

From: s@gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 11:20:05 AM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support the Touquoy gold mine expansion project. Name: Email: s@gmail.com Address: Municipality: Aspen email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 44 y:

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From: t@outlook.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 11:54:44 AM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I DO NOT support the Touquoy gold mine expansion project. This company has proven it cannot operate within the environmental regulations while only operating only one open pit gold mine. Instead, they treat the cost of the fines as a cost of doing business. NS is being harmed financially and environmentally via open pit gold mining. The company has mined close to half a billion in gold already and they havent paid a cent of tax to any level of government. We should not be allowing a company the ability to expand at the expense of our environment, our natural resources and tax payers. There is no need to mine this non essential metal since its only being used for central banks and investments. Name: Email: @outlook.com
Address: New Glasgow Municipality: New Glasgow email_message: Privacy-Statement:
agree x: 49 y: 28

From: @icloud.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 12:16:37 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support the modification to this project. It is not in any way good for Nova Scotia Name: Email:

@icloud.com Address:

Municipality: Aspen email_message:

Privacy-Statement: agree x: 76 y: 31

From: @yahoo.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 12:52:54 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support the Touquoy gold mine expansion project. Name: Email: @yahoo.ca Address: Municipality: Melrose,N.S. email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 1059
y: 423

From: @stfx.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 12:58:01 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: We do not support any mining in our area. We also have the promise from our MLA that he will not support gold mining in our area. From: @gmail.com Sent: August 9, 2021 9:55 PM To: @stfx.ca Subject: Re: Election on August 1 1 No 2 Yes On Sun, Aug 8, 2021 at 6:36 PM @stfx.ca wrote: Dear Before going to vote we would like your position on two questions which are on the forefront of our minds. We would appreciate if you could just answer with yes or no. Thank you 1.Do you support Atlantic Gold's open pit mine in Cochrane Hill in St.Mary's municipality? 2. Do you support the protection of Archibald Lake in the same municipality? Name: Email: @stfx.ca Address: 1 Municipality: Sherbrooke email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 60 y: 29

From: [@eastlink.ca](mailto:)
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 1:41:51 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I DO NOT support the Tonquoy Gold expansion project Name: Email: y@eastlink.ca Address: Windsor Junction Municipality: Windsor Junction email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 34 y: 32

From: @gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support the Touquoy gold mine expansion project. We need to preserve our wild spaces not mine them! Name:

Email: r@gmail.com Address: Municipality:

Aspen_email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 37 y: 26

From: @maclintock.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 2:55:31 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I dont support gold mine expansion in Nova Scotia m Name: Email: @maclintock.ca Address:
Municipality: Hfx email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 75 y: 23

From: @gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 3:27:53 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support the Touquoy gold mine expansion project. The lives of our children will be reasonable--or horrific--depending on what we choose to do in the next decade. Environment should be a top priority in any decision-making process. The Touquoy gold mine expansion places profit before the environment--at what point does the human race stop doing this? Name:

gmail.com Address: Municipality: Enfield, NS email_message:

Privacy-Statement: agree x: 63 y: 25

From: @live.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 4:13:02 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Hello, My name is and Ive lived in Nova Scotia for the last 5 years while my wife and her family have lived here for generations. I live in the East Hants district in Belnan, Nova Scotia. I was happy to see the shift over to a PC government willing to work for and not against the people of Nova Scotia. One of the issues I face on a pretty regular basis in Nova Scotia is a government that focuses on a loud minority and its anti-resource development stance equates to a global scale nimbyism and ensures that these metal demands will be met by sources with much more deleterious track records for human rights and environmental stewardship. I have a very different view when it comes to the path to a greener economy than most Nova Scotians who havent researched how to get from where we are today to where we see our green future. The abolition of fossil fuels will require an immense volume of critical metals, which Canada is enriched in. Canada, and for that Nova Scotia, has the most robust environmental protection and workplace safety standards in the world, to which we could be poised to meet this huge metal demand, making Canada and Nova Scotia a world player in renewable energies and transportation. We dont need to stand by and watch third world countries with little to no respect to safety or the environment, dictate this market. The prosperity unlocked from responsible resource development could be a big factor in paying for the social programs we all want to see, enhancing the standard of living for every Nova Scotian, providing an opportunity to act in good faith, and restore trust in our efforts for reconciliation. This is why I am for the Touquoy Gold Project Site Modifications and other such developments in Nova Scotia. I would love to discuss this more with you or your team but understand that youre likely pretty busy at the moment. I would love to see Nova Scotia take a positive step forward into responsible resource develop ment and keep myself, my family, and the family of all Nova Scotians here for generations to come. Name: Email: @live.com Address: 5 Municipality: Belnan email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 51 y: 9

From: c_n@shambhala.org
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 4:18:04 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support the Touquoy gold mine expansion project. Thank you. Name: @shambhala.org

Address: St. Municipality: Halifax email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x:

68 y: 27

From: 7@hotmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 4:24:08 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: This company has brought so much good for the province and many jobs to this province if these permits donâ?Tt go through there are going to be many jobs lost and many workers leaving the province itâ?Ts time to use are natural resources And keep are workers at home! Name: Email:
hotmail.com Address: Municipality: Middle musqudobit email_message:
Privacy-Statement: agree x: 51 y: 18

From: [@gmail.com](mailto:)
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 4:29:17 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support the dirty habit of destroying our naturally beautiful province to line the pockets of non residents. I am opposed to destruction of this province and contamination of waters. We have to answer to our children why we could support such destructive habits. Haven't we learned anything from previous generations leaving behind numerous contaminated tailings piles for the tax payer to potentially clean up. NOPE Stop opening doors to potential poisons. Name:

Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Dartmouth

email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 251 y: 576

From: @eastlink.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: We do not support the Touquoy gold mine expansion project, and I speak on behalf of my entire family. It is well known that gold mining/open pit mining is detrimental to our environment. We have to act now and move forward from unnecessary which gold mining is destruction of our waterways, environment, land, species, human health. There should be no further expansion, nor further new mines considered. Name: Email:

unicipality: Head of Jeddore email_message: Privacy-

Statement: agree x: 67 y: 33

From: @gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support the Touquoy gold mine expansion project and believe it should not take place near a river system that is extremely important to the community. Name: Email:
@gmail.com Address: Municipality: email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree
x: 55 y: 21

From:
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 5:09:09 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I have a residence on the East River Saint Maryâ?Ts. Please do not allow the expansion of the Touquoy giant open pit gold mine project in Moose River or the proposed Beaver Dam, Fifteen Mile Stream or Cochrane Hill proposed sites. Gold is not a critical mineral. Most of it sits in vaults as a testament to our greed and mistrust of one another. The real treasure is the ecosystem that will be further compromised. The long term economic value of the ecosystem has not begun to be realized. It will by future generations. Having the area potted with the remnants of strip mines is not in the interests of anyone but those who will get short term economic benefit. It will take hundreds of years for life to be able to flourish again on strip mine sites. I see the remains of strips mines in Westville where nothing can grow and in Stellarton where we have had a huge pit in the middle of town for decades. As dirty and destructive as these are, at least they provide energy. Not so for the gold. Please look out for the interests of future generations over a short term financial boost for a small number of stakeholders. The long term economic value in resources and tourism of a thriving ecosystem favors the near permanent destruction caused by the pit mine. Name:

Municipality: New Glasgow email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 49 y:

From: @ns.sympatico.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 5:37:27 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I totally oppose expansion of the project. The damage already done by the subsidiary of an Australian gold mining company is shocking. Further expansion increases risk of toxic waste disasters at the expense of Nova Scotians. Name: Email: @ns.sympatico.ca Address: eet
Municipality: Halifax email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 49 y: 30

From: environment@novascotia.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 5:51:37 PM

Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support the touquoy gold mine project. Name: Email: Address: Seaforth Municipality: Seaforth
email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 2212 y: 169

From: a @gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not in any support way this project. This project does not give the people of Nova Scotia any benefit and represents a large financial risk as well as a giant environmental liability. Name: Email:

@gmail.com Address: Municipality: Glenelg
email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 52 y: 31

From: @eastlink.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not agree with this gold mining project. No gold mining is safe. Nova Scotia needs investment in green energy, wild life, reforestation, and affordable housing. Open pit mining is unconscionable. Name:

Email: eastlink.ca Address: ,N.S.

Municipality: E. Lawrencetown email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 61 y: 19

From: @eastlink.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: We cannot afford to have an open pit gold mine in this day and age. For the little yield the loss to habitat, the water ecology and micro-organisms, not to mention the toxic waste is simply not good practice. Thank you for serious consideration to the future of our environment and generations going forward.
Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Municipality: East
Lawrencetown email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 56 y: 24

From: @outlook.com
To: Environment Assessment Web Account
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 21, 2022 7:41:21 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Hi folks, I would like to share with you my personal comments for the final public comment period for the Touquoy Gold Mine Modifications. Please believe me when I tell you that I understand completely that the process is frustrating and life makes it very difficult for us to find the time to respond repeatedly to these long drawn out processes. But this is the process that is in place and it is all we have. Comments are due by Midnight Friday April 22st and you can respond by simply saying I do not support the Touquoy gold mine expansion project. That will do just fine. Here is the link: <https://novascotia.ca/nse/ea/comments.asp> I firmly believe that volume does play a role in the decision making process. If you consider that many news outlets have in the past reported on the number of comments for and against the mine then it makes sense to respond even briefly. Politicians and the public within NS will read the headlines and that is where you and I can make a small difference. I want to thank _____ for giving much of her time to pull together a well thought out letter for SMRA to submit to this process. We will submit this letter tomorrow. I have also written my own personal response which I intend on submitting tomorrow. My personal response: I would like to respectfully add my family's voice to this public comment period regarding St. Barbara's Atlantic Gold request to expand the Touquoy open pit gold mine in Moose River. My family and I live along the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia and our ancestors have lived here for many generations. We do not support in any way the expansion of the Touquoy giant open pit gold mine project in Moose River nor do we support the proposed Beaver Dam, Fifteen Mile Stream or Cochrane Hill proposed sites. Expanding Touquoy is a step to accommodate the development of three more giant open pit mines along the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia. A move clearly introducing additional negative cumulative environmental effects which the people of Nova Scotia will once again be left to bear. 68 old, contaminated sites at an estimated 60 million each to clean up should be a lesson for us all. Gold is not listed on any government of North America's critical mineral list concluding it is not needed to transition away from fossil fuels. It is simply irresponsible of our government to consider the progression of giant open pit gold mines in this region. The risk simply outweighs the benefits and the people of Nova Scotia will lose once again. My children even question the thought process that will bring on the onslaught of giant open pit gold mines to our region. In their eyes it is unthinkable to even allow the planning of such a destructive industry. Remember we are talking about the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia's most significant freshwater basins and our government, if supporting these modifications, would knowingly place them at risk. How is it that our children can intuitively and quite clearly understand the value of water while our leaders struggle. Once again, I ask you to please not allow these modifications to proceed. Respectfully,

Name:

outlook.com Address:
Privacy-Statement: agree x: 55 y: 18

Municipality: Aspen, NS email_message:

From: @outlook.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I Do Not support Name:
Email: @outlook.com Address: Municipality: email_message: Privacy-
Statement: agree x: 79 y: 13

From: @gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I am adamantly opposed to this modification. The expansion and environmental risks posed by this proposal are in complete opposition to the work the province need to be doing to protect natural areas, species at risk, and to mitigate climate change. Name: Email: @gmail.com
Address: Municipality: Crossroads Ohio email_message: Privacy-Statement:
agree x: 89 y: 30

From: @gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support this project.
Name: Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: New Minas
email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 26 y: 27

From: @gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: We must move on from this form of mining and provincial support. The math simply does not work to benefit the province while negatively impacting the environment. The only winner is the corporation using the province for ITS benefit. Name: Email: l@gmail.com Address: Municipality: Porters Lake email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 54 y: 27

From:
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support the Touquoy gold mine expansion project. Name: Email:
Address: Municipality: SHERBROOKE email_message:
Privacy-Statement: agree x: 53 y: 23

From: hotmail.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support this project as it threatens critical fresh water resources. We have enough examples of delinquent companies leaving the tax payer to clean up their contaminated sites after they have left the area unremediated. Name: Email: @hotmail.ca Address: ,
Lawrencetown Municipality: Hfx County email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 1069 y: 188

From: [L](#)
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do NOT support the Touquoy Gold Mine expansion project. Name: Email: @sobey.com
Address: Municipality: Braeshore email_message: Privacy-Statement:
agree x: 54 y: 25

From: [c @live.ca](#)
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support any modifications at this mining site! I do not support gold mining in Nova Scotia - the long term negative impacts and risk to our environment and wildlife far out weighs any short-term employment opportunities. It's time for the government to look at the big picture and not just short term during their tenure! Name: Email: @live.ca Address: Municipality: Glenelg email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 64 y: 22

From: [C @hotmail.com](mailto:C@hotmai.com)
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Please stop allowing this company to operate and contaminate our province! Enough is enough. Environmental infractions abound this company has proven that it makes mistakes, has accidents and poses a serious risk of irreversible environmental damage that we here in Nova Scotia will suffer for while this foreign company counts its winnings. Please stop Atlantic gold! Please! Name:

Email: @hotmail.com Address:

Municipality: Meaghers grant email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 81 y: 31

From: @hotmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I support the modification project for this site. I am employed at St. Barbara Atlantic Operations since 2016 and I have lived 35 km east of the project all my life. I am confident all the documentation and studies that have been submitted will support the modification. Name: Email:
@hotmail.com Address: s Municipality:
Popeâ?Ts Harbour email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 53 y: 21

From: [@yahoo.com](mailto:)
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I am team member at St Barbaras Atlantic Operations near the historic Moose River Gold Mine. As you well know the company is introducing some modifications to the operation and have since applied for permitting. I believe that management and the permitting team have been quite diligent in their preparations for this application process, and due diligence was followed. The modifications requested and required will allow us to continue operating, as we have since conception, a sustainable and environmentally respectful/friendly project. Not to mention the economic benefits to the area and its population. The continuation of the proposed projects will allow the company to continue supporting the province and people with much needed employment. Benefiting all concerned parties. I have confidence in the research and scientific methods and expertise of third party specialists used to formulate these modifications, and trust the modification will be performed to the very highest standards. Name: Email:

@yahoo.com Address: , Municipality: Enfield NS email_message:

Privacy-Statement: agree x: 50 y: 23

From: @eastlink.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support the Touquoy open pit gold mine expansion on Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore. In addition to the impact to the environment and Mi'kmaq traditional hunting grounds, this type of mining is inexcusable in 2022. Gold tailings are highly toxic. Name: Email:
s@eastlink.ca Address: Municipality: Lawrencetown
email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 49 y: 24

From: @hotmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I support the Touquoy Gold Project and the proposed modifications. The proposed modifications are well-supported with environmental studies and modelling. The Project provides employment to the local community and surrounding area, and the proposed expansion will provide continuity of employment. As a current employee, I see all of the hard work that is put in by the team to protect the workers and the environment. Name: Email:

hotmail.com Address: 1807 Antrim Road Carrolls Corner, NS B0N 1Y0

Municipality: Carrolls Corner email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 42 y: 18

From: u@stbarbara.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: The Touquoy Gold Project is a significant project in Nova Scotias mineral industry, not only is it important for the local communities that are supported by the benefits that are directly contributed to them, but for all of nova scotia. The dedication and professionalism that is put into this project is at the highest level to achieve an environmentally and safe workplace. This project has allowed Nova Scotians to come back to their home province, to be next to their family and friends, all while pursuing their career that would otherwise force them to work abroad. The Touquoy project is the steeping stone into a long thriving industry that will continue to excel and be a leader in many factors, especially as an environmental awareness leader and promotor of community governess and contributor to safety awareness and education. Name: Email:

@stbarbara.ca Address: Municipality: Bedford
email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 46 y: 31

From:
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: The Touquoy Gold Project is a important project for Nova Scotias mineral industry, not only is it important for the local communities that directly benefit, but for all of Nova Scotia. In Nova Scotia, mining projects are held to some of the most stringent environmental regulations. This project has also allowed Nova Scotians to come back to their home province and pursue a career that would otherwise force them to work abroad. The Touquoy project is the stepping stone into a long thriving industry that will continue to excel and be a leader in many factors especially environmental awareness. community governance and contributor to safety awareness and education. Name:

Email: d

Address: Municipality:

Bedford, NS email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 56 y: 29

From:
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Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Earlier today, ASF submitted its comments on this project to the Environmental Assessment Branch of NS Department of Environment and Climate Change via email. In our submission we outlined our concerns about the unknown risks to groundwater associated with in-pit disposal of tailings, on how these proposed modifications really only required for to meet expansion desires and will have downfield effects on species at risk and their habitat. Because of these concerns we called on the Minister to either not approve or delay approval until the unknown information could be supplied and impacts associated with modifications associated with expansion could be evaluated under the environmental assessments for those expansions. Name:

Address: . Municipality: Antigonish

email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 69 y: 12

From: j @gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do Not support these modifications. We need to protect our environment, now, more than ever!! Name:

Email: @gmail.com Address: Municipality: Head Of St
Margarets Bay email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 73 y: 25

From: | [@hotmail.com](#)
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
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Date: April 22, 2022 5:14:37 PM

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Project: tote road quarry expansion project Comments: Why? There are places here in NS already full of arsenic from old mines that's not drinkable, swimming is banned. Can't take your pet to the waters that are laced with arsenic. There is so much gold already on the planet? Do we need to keep on ruining forever our province? I'm born and raised here and am ashamed of all levels of Government for fast tracking development in areas that are old growth, intact eco-systems. Here it is Earth Day and the deep pocket politicians here have no clue what climate change is? Do they believe? Do they have children? How deep are the pockets? Have all politicians here sold their souls to the devil they know? Name:

Email: [@hotmail.com](#) Address: Municipality: Dartmouth
email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 69 y: 27

From: s@gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: You have tolerated far too much environmental destruction. Stop pretending to protect our environment and start actually doing it. Name: s@gmail.com Address:

Rd Municipality: Hubbards email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 62 y: 20

From:
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: From the Sierra Club Canada Foundation's Atlantic Chapter It's hard to fathom that in 2022, we are having to explain that the proposed expansion of an open-pit gold mine in Nova Scotia would be an irresponsible course of action. Presumably, you are aware of the toxic legacy of gold mining in Nova Scotia. We've included several references at the end should you need a refresher. If you happen to be under the impression that gold mining today is environmentally safe, then let us disabuse you of that notion. It's never a question of if a new or expanded gold mine will contaminate the environment, but when, and for how long? Counter to what pro-mining propaganda suggests, gold is not a critical mineral in Canada, and it is not needed for clean energy or other climate solutions. Most of the gold mined today is used for jewelry production 50-60 and for banking and investments 30-40. Since gold can be infinitely recycled, demand going forward can be met by adopting circular economy policies and innovative investment strategies. How could it possibly be reasonable to produce 20 tons of contaminated waste for one new gold ring? For every ounce of gold that Atlantic Gold produces, it extracts 70 tonnes of ore and rock waste. In a single year, that adds up to roughly 8 million tonnes at the Touquoy Mine. Moreover, toxic sodium cyanide is used to extract gold from rock. Gold mining is also energy intensive and results in staggering GHG emissions: Carbon emissions from Atlantic Gold's 2020 gold production at Touquoy would have been the equivalent of taking 106,663 such return flights. <https://www.halifaxexaminer.ca/environment/atlantic-gold-plans-to-mine-paradise/> If you're uncertain as to the environmental harms caused by gold mining today, you are not qualified to make decisions concerning the mining of natural resources. But we need rural jobs! Indeed we do. What happened to your government's promise of a green and sustainable economy, expressed in the Premier's mandate letter? By contaminating local watersheds and ecosystems and endangering human health, gold mining impedes Nova Scotia's ability to provide green and sustainable jobs in rural areas. Further devastation of the local environment through gold mining expansion is compounded by the modern-day context: we are dealing with a climate crisis, biodiversity crisis, and more. As a number of lauded world leaders have proclaimed, we are also the last generation that is in a position to do something about it. If you aren't sufficiently terrified by the situation in which we find ourselves, please refer to the latest reports from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change: IPCC Report August 2021 "Physical Science Basis aka A Code Red for Humanity" IPCC Report February 2022 "Impacts, Adaptation, Vulnerability aka An Atlas of Human Suffering" IPCC Report April 2022 - Mitigation of Climate Change aka It's Even Worse than We Thought" Finally, we urge you to reflect on the Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act your government brought in last November. There is nothing in EGCCRA to support the willful harm that would result from the expansion of gold mining in this province. In fact, the long-lasting and entirely avoidable consequences of open-pit gold mining run counter to your party's legislation. It's time to uphold the commitments in EGCCRA and reject the proposed Touquoy open-pit gold mine expansion in Moose River, as well as the proposed Beaver Dam, Fifteen Mile

Stream, and Cochrane Hill open-pit gold mines. If you don't intend to uphold EGCCRA, please let us know so that we can spread the word. Suggested readings Arsenic and mercury contamination and complex aquatic bioindicator responses to historical gold mining and modern watershed stressors in urban Nova Scotia, Canada - ScienceDirect a peer-reviewed study led by Mount Allison University Study shows long-lasting impacts to lake health from old gold mines | SMU News and Events NS plans to close 2 sites contaminated by old gold mines | CBC News Impact of gold mine contamination in NS understudied, research finds | CBC News Atlantic Gold plans to mine "paradise," Halifax Examiner Bill 57 - Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act - RA IPCC Report August 2021 "Physical Science Basis: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/> IPCC Report February 2022 "Impacts, Adaptation, Vulnerability: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/> IPCC Report April 2022 - Mitigation of Climate Change: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg3/> Name:

Sierra Club Canada Foundation Atlantic Chapter Email: sierraclub.ca

Address: Municipality: Halifax email_message:

Privacy-Statement: agree x: 49 y: 27

From: @yahoo.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: As a citizen of Nova Scotia, I am opposed to this gold mine for many reasons: destruction of forests and habitats of animals use of large quantities of water to process gold contamination of waterways and aquifers by run offs and breakage of tailings ponds association of gold mines around the world with contamination and cancer pollution by trucks and vehicles of the mine. Most gold is mined for jewellery: whose interests are we really supporting with this mine? As Nova Scotians who are interested in addressing climate change, surely there are other ways of generating employment that would keep our World intact and health rather than destorying more of our earth, water, and air. Name: Email: @yahoo.ca Address: Municipality: Halifax email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 88 y: 28

From: @gmail.com
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Take science seriously. Atlantic Gold plans to create more toxic tears through the Moose river ecosystem, this will end a huge amount of interconnected life, that we also interconnect with. No one should be alright with this. Name: Email: gmail.com Address:
Municipality: Meaghers Grant email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 48 y: 27

From: @gmail.com
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I believe the expansion of the mine - these modifications are totally without regard to the environmental impacts it will cause. Please do the right thing and reject this project. Name: Email:

@gmail.com Address:

Municipality: Halifax email_message:

Privacy-Statement: agree x: 67 y: 19

From: stmarysriver@ns.sympatico.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
Date: April 22, 2022 7:04:43 PM

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: PO Box 179 Sherbrooke NS, B0J3C0 www.stmarysriverassociation.com email: stmarysriver@ns.sympatico.ca April 21, 2021 Re: Touquoy Gold Project Site Modifications The St. Mary's River Association SMRA of Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia joins the consensus of strong opposition to the proposed modification of the Touquoy Gold Project Site by Atlantic Mining Nova Scotia Inc. An environmental impact assessment must have a clear mitigation strategy, however, the proponent has not provided a transparent and appropriate perspective on the cumulative effects of using the Touquoy pit as a catch-all for their next projects across the region. The impact on the land and watershed following the tailings deposition in the Touquoy pit will leave a lasting intergenerational impact. At a time when the Nova Scotia government is seeking ways to address toxic tailings from historic gold mines, it's somewhat absurd that they're also looking to create more contaminated sites and on a much larger scale than past operations. For the health and wellbeing of our community, we cannot support the modifications to the Touquoy Site. On behalf of the St. Mary's River Association membership, President, SMRA Name: St Marys River Association Email: stmarysriver@ns.sympatico.ca Address: Municipality: Sherbrooke email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 59 y: 29

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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I DO NOT SUPPORT THE TOUQUOY GOLD PROJECT SITE MODIFICATIONS. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS.

Name: Email: @gmail.com Address:

Municipality: Head of St. Marg email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 52 y: 24

From: @eastlink.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: The strip mining for gold in Nova Scotia is devastating to the environment. The money set aside by the company for catastrophe and retention is grossly insufficient to cover the costs adequately. Since Atlantic Gold is grossly shorting the contingency plans, they should not be allowed to move forward with any project. Their current project has had accidents causing harm to the watershed in a river system that we were trying to bring salmon back. Tourism, wildlife, forests, and fishery are far more important than the mining of gold. Strip mining in this manner is equivalent to the dirty oil from the tar sands. It is far past time that Nova Scotia and Canada stop strip mining practices. Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address:
Municipality: Halifax email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 66 y: 20

From:
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: This is not a good look for our future, as the residents of the eastern shore. Please reconsider open pit gold mining and do not allow this company to create an open lagoon of tailings. They have not shown the confidence to ensure the protection of the environment. This is 2022, and as a society we are facing enough without battling a gold mine that will provide pittance for the economy and destroy the budding ecotourism and smallscale farming that is growing within the region. The residents of the area will move if the project continues, and the region will die. Name: Email:
: Municipality: Aspen email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x:

25 y: 24

From: ~eastlink.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: Mining operations will say that they will clean up after themselves, sometimes they do a little but never enough. The health of our province is the health of our land. The destruction involved is not worth the little bit of money for a few people, most of whom do not need it Name: Email:
@eastlink.ca Address: . Municipality: Halifax email_message:
Privacy-Statement: agree x: 63 y: 24

From: y@eastlink.ca
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Proposed Project Comments
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: A company that has faced three federal and 32 provincial charges for violating environmental legislation at this very mine cannot be trusted. To quote the Sierra Club Canada Foundation regarding this proposed expansion: It's never a question of IF a new or expanded gold mine will contaminate the environment, but when, and for how long? Say no to this scheme. We and the Future will All breathe easier. Name: Email: @eastlink.ca Address: Road Municipality: Kingsburg email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 58 y: 24

From: [gmail.com](#)
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Project: touquoy-gold-project-site-modifications/ Comments: I do not support the Touquoy Mine expansion project! Name: Email:

@gmail.com Address:

Municipality: Hubley email_message: Privacy-Statement: agree x: 61 y: 26

From:
To: [Environment Assessment Web Account](#)
Subject: Public Comments on the Touquoy Gold Project Site Modifications
Date: April 22, 2022 11:54:06 PM
Attachments: [Toquoy Expansion Letter_EABranch 22April22.pdf](#)

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Please find attached my written comments on the EA application on the Touquoy Gold Project Site Modifications.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Environmental Assessment Branch
Department of Environment and Climate Change P.O.Box 442
Halifax, NS, B3J 2P18
Via E-mail: EA@novascotia.ca

To: Whom It May Concern

Date: 22 April 2022

Re: Comments on the Touquoy Gold Project Site Modifications

I like to fish trout.

I especially like to fish the rivers and lakes on both sides of Mooseland Road. My family and I take day trips fishing from Oakhill Lake to Diamond Table. On the other side of the road, we like to take quick trips to Sixth Lake. We use my sister's and brother-in-law's cottage on Mooseland Road as our base and a refuge to enjoy the evenings.

A few years ago, we discovered this important place was to be significantly altered by a recently approved project.

Trees were cleared, a deep pit was dug, and when it rained, what a mess.

I suppose the proponent had the required rights to the property. They met the required setbacks and adhered to the conditions of their permits. Still, we had concerns.

Our sense of an expansive space around the cottage had been limited by the construction of a new home too close for our liking.

However, as construction proceeded, the site conditions improved. Today, it is neat and tidy, and remarkably, they turned out to be pretty good neighbors.

Like many property owners with a vacant lot in proximity to their property, if we were consulted, we would have responded that we preferred the lot not be developed. But in a functioning democracy, we don't get to choose when the law is applied.

If a proponent follows the requirements of the law, the law requires approval of the project. Recently, residential construction is a regular occurrence on this road. The area is growing.

Some would argue that residential construction is not a point relevant to an environmental assessment application for a gold mine expansion.

Such a view would be short-sighted.

In 2021, Nova Scotia built 7809 residential dwelling units¹, with a total value of over \$1.5 billion². Most of those units were built in Halifax, many of which were blasted into, or built above, pyritic slate.

Statistics capturing the footprint size of the 7809 units are not readily available, but I believe it is safe to assume that it is a very large footprint. Likely larger than the footprint of the Expansion Project

application before you. The total value of residential construction activity, defined as the value of time and materials consumed, is certainly much larger than the construction phase of the project under review.

Comparing new residential construction with the expansion of an existing gold mine may on the surface seem silly. But if an impartial “reasonable person” were asked to consider the cumulative environmental impacts of both activities, and consider that the former will likely never be reclaimed while the later will be restored to the state described in the proponents reclamation plan, a reasonable person would find the extreme difference in how we regulate one activity compared with the other as profound.

This letter is not advocating for more environmental regulation on housing activity, nor is it seeking less environmental regulation on the proponent’s project. It is advocating that the Department make its recommendation to the Minister in a manner consistent with the legal concept of the “reasonable person”.

Simply stated, we should apply the same fundamental rule to the Departments recommendation that we do housing activity: if it meets the environmental statutory requirements, it is recommended for approval.

Factors that should be included in the recommendation to the Minister

Environmental Assessment Regulations

Factors relevant to the Ministers decision on Environmental Assessments, including the Touquoy Expansion application, are found in section 12 of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations made under Section 49 of the Environment Act*. Section 12 contains 11 subsections which describe the factors.

None of these subsections have anything to do with “sustainable development”. Arguably, the last subsection, subsection (i) which states “such other information as the Minister may require.”, could and most definitely should consider economic impacts.

However, that is the central problem. *Economic* impacts.

The Department of Environment is a regulating agency and not a promoting agency.

Since the Westray Report, the Province has worked hard to separate the functions of the regulator from the functions of the agencies tasked with economic development or line departments tasked with assisting specific industries. This approach is generally sound and in the public interest.

However, many years of this policy practice has resulted in an unintended consequence. Some regulators believe that their job requires them to shroud themselves with silos, in which they are protected from the influence of advice and experience of other departments, industry best practices of the private sector, and the public mandates of the elected government of the day. This approach is not sound and not in the public interest.

Factors relevant to the Ministers decision on the Touquoy Expansion application should include economic factors, not just because in the long run it strengthens environmental protection, but because the Environment Act so states.

The Environment Act

Section 2 (b) of the Act states:

“maintaining the principles of sustainable development including”

...

(vi) the linkage between economic and environmental issues, recognizing that long-term economic prosperity depends upon sound environmental management and that effective environmental protection depends on a strong economy, and

(vii) the comprehensive integration of sustainable development principles in public policy making in the Province;

...

Most Supreme Court decisions, federal and provincial, on matters pertaining to the interpretation of legislation and their underlying regulations, cite Elmer Driedger, *Construction of Statutes*. The frequent citation is “...the words of an Act are to be read in their entire context and in their grammatical and ordinary sense harmoniously with the scheme of the Act, the object of the Act, and the intention of Parliament.”³

Supreme Court decisions often also dictate that regulations must be read in the context of their enabling Act, having regard to the language and purpose of the Act in general and more particularly the language and purpose of the relevant enabling provisions.⁴

The Minister has inherited a serious problem. The regulations he must follow in rendering his decision on the Touquoy Mine expansion project are not harmonious with the scheme of the Environment Act, the object of the Environment Act, and the intention of [the Legislature].

The regulations do not reflect the language and purpose of the relevant enabling provisions, specifically, divisions (vi) and (vii) above. These divisions are difficult to miss, they are found in the very Purpose of the Act.

Population Growth in Rural Nova Scotia

As stated in the Act, effective environmental protection depends on a strong economy. Evidence of the lack of “*the comprehensive integration of sustainable development principles in public policy making in the Province*”, can be found in the difference between the population growth of Metropolitan Halifax vs Rural Nova Scotia.

Obviously, it is not the only factor, but the importance of sustainable development projects to the economic well being of rural Nova Scotia must not be discounted. We must do a better job of administering the Act.

Every senior policy maker in the province should be aware of these statistics, particularly those with regulatory responsibility for approving or rejecting significant projects.

A widely reported Statistics Canada release indicated the urban population of Nova Scotia had grown by 7.7% from 2016 to 2021, and in the same timeframe, the rural population had grown by 1.3%.⁵

This was welcome news, but policy makers would be well advised to note that Statistics Canada’s definition of rural nova scotia is very different from what many Nova Scotian’s commonly refer to as “rural”.

Given the dramatic growth of Metropolitan Halifax, lets simplify the statistics and evaluate the evolving reality of Nova Scotia: there is Metro Halifax and there is everywhere else. The tables below illustrate the population growth of Metro Halifax vs Non-Metro Nova Scotia.⁶

	2011	2006	ΔPersons	Δ Percentage
NS	921,727	913,462	8,265	0.9%
Metro Halifax	390,328	372,858	17,470	4.5%
Non-Metro NS	531,399	540,604	-9,205	-1.7%

	2016	2011	ΔPersons	Δ Percentage
NS	923,598	921,727	1,871	0.2%
Metro Halifax	403,390	390,328	13,062	3.2%
Non-Metro NS	520,208	531,399	-11,191	-2.2%

	2021	2016	ΔPersons	Δ Percentage
NS	969,383	923,598	45,785	4.72%
Metro Halifax	465,703	403,390	62,313	13.38%
Non-Metro NS	503,680	520,208	-16,528	-3.28%

The population decline of non-Metro Nova Scotia is alarming and accelerating. If the current trend continues, a critical tipping point will be reached before the end of the next census cycle. The population of Metro Halifax will exceed the population of everywhere else in the province.

Tinkering with economic development policy will not correct the impending statistical tsunami.

It is why section 2(b)(vii) of the Environment Act is so important to Non-Metro Nova Scotia. We need a comprehensive integration of sustainable development principles in public policy making for the entire Province.

It is also one of the reasons we need to approve the Touquoy Mine Expansion Project.

I am not asking the Department to do less. I am asking it to do more. I am asking it to stop choosing which sections of the Act it will follow. I am asking it to fulfill its fiduciary obligation and follow all sections of the Act.

We all need to do a better job of protecting the environment. A good place to start is how we allow the Environment Act to be administered.

Conclusion

As noted in the beginning of the comments, I frequent this area and very much enjoy this important part of the province. I also believe that we can protect the environment and grow the economy. Like anything worthwhile, it takes a lot of work.

I have reviewed the applicant's documentation and I am confident that the team responsible for this project, including third-party technical specialists, have completed thorough investigations, analysis, and design to provide fulsome responses to the information requests, and I am confident in the conclusions presented. The work carried out and presented in St Barbara's most recent submission confirms the earlier conclusions: in consideration of the assessment, mitigation, and planned follow up and monitoring, the planned modifications to the Touquoy site are not likely to result in significant environmental effects.

Thank you for your kind consideration and the opportunity to make this submission

Sincerely,

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Cc: [Nature NS Board](#)
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Thank you for writing this letter. I sent in my comments about this issue yesterday but we need many more people to do the same if we want to have any chance at saving the surrounding environment to that mine.

Would you mind if I shared this letter with my colleagues?

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On Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 12:23:00 PM ADT, Bob Bancroft <wild1@eastlink.ca> wrote:

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Sincerely

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Please see my attached response about the proposed Touquoy modifications. Thank you for your consideration.

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April 22, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I do not support the proposed modifications to the Touquoy open-pit gold mine, nor can I support any such project that would compound the toxic legacy of open-pit gold mining in Nova Scotia.

A comprehensive and holistic view of land-use planning is necessary to predict (and prevent) adverse impacts to both wildlife and people. Therefore, we must seriously consider the cumulative impacts of these projects on ecosystems and communities, rather than viewing them solely as independent sites, components, or modifications.

I use the word “modifications” with great reluctance in this instance. As Eastern Shore Forest Watch Association clearly stated, “The changes in use of the mine site and the considerably lengthened timeline are so drastic that they hardly can be called mere modifications.”

In spite of how Atlantic Gold’s documents are written, the environmental harms will not be restricted to a tidy little block (aka, **the “mine footprint”**). **As a result**—or by design—the company has repeatedly underestimated the cumulative effects on nearby watersheds, wetlands, and wildlife. Given that Atlantic Gold has distorted the irrefutable evidence to suit **the company’s narrative, how can we have any confidence in the information they’ve** presented?

How can we have any confidence in Atlantic Gold or the Touquoy mine when the company failed to meet the terms and conditions that were issued back in 2008?

How can we trust a company that has faced federal (3) and provincial (32) charges for violating environmental legislation at this very mine?

And perhaps the better question: why should we?

Why should we entrust Atlantic Gold with the well-being of this and future generations?

The sixth mass extinction is an ongoing extinction event, the likes of which has never before been seen in human history. The Center for Biological Diversity reports, **“The current rate of extinction of species is estimated at 100 to 1,000 times higher than natural background rates.”** The UN warns, **“Around 1 million animal and plant species are now threatened with extinction, many within decades, more than ever before in human history.”**

We have lost 60% of the planet’s wildlife in less than 50 years, according to the World Wildlife Fund’s 2020 Living Planet Report. Populations of Canadian species that are of