

What do we tell our children, when they ask us, how was it when there was a patch or how did you hunt.

Please don't let this happen, another time.

When we heard L.P. was coming, we were so happy because jobs were coming and also you were going to use the best emission controls for your plant, now we thought these are people who know their business.

I am pleading from one conscientious person to the next, keep your promise. When you are ready to leave, we will all say, now those people keep their word.

Please leave here with our living environment the same way it was when you got here. Our future depends on it.

A friend of Mother Earth  
Sophie Ledoux

Native peoples have used these lands for many, many thousands of years.

Blueberries have been a staple food in our diet, able to be dried and provide vitamins through the winter.

Many many families make a summer living by moving into the blueberry patch, picking berries, and then selling them.

Blueberries have been placed on the top of the list of fruits that are beneficial to health (see attached information)

We have been able to claim blueberries are 100% organic...would that be true anymore?

Were Indigenous Peoples consulted about the pollution equipment being shut off?

What effect will these chemicals have on the people in the blueberry patches?

What effect will they have on the animals like moose, deer, etc that are harvested for eating?

Will there be an effect on the water?

How far will the pollution reach?

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Louisiana Pacific Swan Valley Mill  
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My name is Sophie Ledoux I reside in Camperville, Manitoba a Metis community. I am Metis.

I would've liked to be here in person, but can't because of family matters.

**The subject is emissions from the stacks at L.P near Swan River.**

I realize that people need to work, but we must do it in a way to help keep our environment clean.

You know there are people who rely on the blueberries by Cowan and Kettle Hills they buy clothes for their children for school in the fall. We have been doing this for generations. The people around Cowan, Camperville, Duck Bay and other Native communities depend on this for part of their livelihood. People label us as being lazy well you go to the patch and there are villages set up there during blueberry season.

Our lakes and their natural habitat will also be affected, if I only thought about myself it would be fine but what kind of legacy are we leaving for our grandchildren and generations to follow.

As Canadians we are labelled as laid back well its time to speak up.

We need big companies, like you to must, but we must also remember our mother earth at all times. Earth is just like a new born baby it must always be maintained or it will die. It can't pick up after itself it can't clean itself up. It must be looked after by us, we, you **and** I are the keepers of this great place we call earth.

The people here sometimes forget too, but we remind one another at all times **and** forever lost.

Our blueberries are good for so many things like diabetes, **regulating** the heart ,etc.

We depend on our wildlife, the moose, deer, rabbits, what would happen if all of these are poisoned.

People with money or businesses have always been here taking advantage of our kindness and then kicking us in the butt as they leave us. Than we complain and try to fix the mess that is left beyond by those who leave to another place. Pretty soon we won't be able to fix it up like this emission control for instance how in the world will we be able to fix this?

We are always being taken advantage of, we let you in with open arms and trust that the next person will treat our land better, but the same thing happens, broken promises lies. We encourage children to tell the truth at all times, and as adults we take it upon ourselves to lie to one another, when it is to our advantage. It's ok to lie, what a double standard.