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Dear Commissioners,

Please register my objection to the Vivian Silica Sand Extraction Project.

As a concerned citizen of Manitoba I urgently request that you deny the Vivian Silica Sand Extraction Project an Environment Act License that would give the company permission to extract silica sand in our province. Too much is at risk. Short term gain at the expense of our water is not acceptable to me and it should not be acceptable to you.

Yesterday, March 22 was World Water Day. Scientist throughout the world are concerned about everyone's access to clean water for domestic use and agriculture. The watershed in Southeast Manitoba is a precious resource and needs to be protected. And you have the power to do so!

All Participants and expert witnesses strongly recommended to the Commission that the proposed project NOT receive an Environment Act License.
You not only have an opportunity to preserve our clean source of water for years to come but an obligation to ensure that you are acting in the best interest of all Manitobans.

Water is our most precious resource. The Carbonate and Sandstone aquifers are valued and should not be put at risk from the proposed project. These freshwater aquifers are critical drinking water source for southern and Interlake regions and must be protected.

This proposal has attracted the attention of thousands of Manitobans who are opposed to putting aquifers at risk.

In light of my concerns, I urge the Commission to strongly recommend denying the licensing of the project.

Sincerely and with hope in my heart for livable future for all of us,

Shawn

Ms. Shawn Kettner
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My home is on Treaty No. 1 Territory, traditional lands of the Anishinabe, Cree, and Dakota, and the heart of the Metis Nation. I use water from Treaty 3 area, from the shores of Shoal

Lake First Nations 39 and 40, and electricity from generating stations on rivers in Treaty Areas 1, 3 and 5. Terms of the Northern Flood Agreement with five Indigenous communities in northern Manitoba remain unfulfilled.

Just because it's not your fault doesn't mean it's not your responsibility.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. -Margaret Mead, anthropologist (16 Dec 1901-1978)