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Dear Commissioners,

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

To grant an Environment Act License to this project is not in the public interest. I am writing to express my concern towards this project—an environmental disaster waiting to happen.

The mining is taking place all year round, within the parameters of many homes. There needs to be adequate assessment in regards to how the noise and air quality, and pollution will affect Manitoban's.

The extraction will also cause harm to the land. Trees will need clearing and loss of habitat will impact known species at risk. The local ecosystem and farmland will suffer, as the land is degraded, as the increase of heavy machinery and truck traffic causes distress to the land. Extracting silica comes with a cost, as it risks contaminating the water of those residing in Southern Manitoba. It is deeply disturbing that corporations will continue to benefit despite putting the lives of Manitobans at risk.

We are so very clearly dealing with a Climate Change crisis, and to disregard this long-term crisis by going forward with this extraction process is unethical, disrespectful, and careless. There are too many "unknowns" and money should not override the environment and lives of many. Mining operations pose great environmental risks, and the prioritization of profits fails to acknowledge a loss of something much greater: the land and health of nature and people—resources that are much more valuable than money.

Many people beyond myself are concerned about the risks. I urge the Commission to strongly recommend denying the licensing of the project.

Sincerely,

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