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Hello

I'm writing to share my concerns about the proposed Silica mining/ Vivian project.

As someone who grew up in the area, and continues to spend time there, with many loved ones that will be affected, I am concerned about this project. I'd like more information, from unbiased and educated sources. Essentially, I'm looking for a childrens book to be written for those who will be directly or indirectly impacted by this, as it will be us and our children that will endure the long term implications.

I understand that the goal is to transition to cleaner energy, but at the cost of what, and who? What is the final scope?

And who are we making rich in the process? Is this project necessary, or are we supplying the world of super yachts and mega mansions? Are there alternatives to reach the needs that this project is meant to achieve, or is it addictions that we're fueling - money and power and status and greed.

Again, I intensely support alternatives, and diversification to our energy consumption. But where there is extraction, there is implication, and I'd like to know who is present at the table deciding what those risks will be, and how they have been chosen. Where does this project fall in terms of honouring the calls to action for Reconciliation?

Explain it to me like I'm a five year old. Because it's our five year olds that we should be trying to protect, and they need healthy hydrological systems, with clean groundwater, and surface stability, diverse ecosystems. Groundwater supplies our life giving crops, and trees, and vegetation, and I do not feel that is being regarded. Manitoba has the means to provide life sustaining food, and community - this land is a home, and a habitat, not a bank vault.

My concerns have been submitted, but I'm still worried. And very likely so are those who have been strategically left out of the conversation, because I almost was.

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