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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to voice my objection to the Sio Silica Corporation's proposed silica sand extraction project near Vivian, Manitoba. I am deeply concerned about the impact this will have on the aquifer that sustains life in this area: both human life (through drinking water, agricultural use) and more-than-human life to the many species of animal, bird, insect, and plant that make this area their home. I do not have confidence that Sio Silica has adequately considered the long-term impacts of its project on all of these living things, and in my mind, the Government of Manitoba should put the interests of the land ahead of the economy.

In particular, it seems to me that as we move deeper into the climate emergency, climate change and its uncertainties needs to be a part of any environmental impact review. The 18-month drought of 2020-21 made it clear that the water table in this area is incredibly fragile: on our property, we lost significant pressure in our artisanal well, pressure that was only restored with the great rains in the spring of 2022. Events like this are likely to become more common. In this time of great uncertainty, now is not the time to begin projects that will impact this delicate resource and all who rely upon it.

Please do not approve this project.

Thanks,
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