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Subject: Northern Pulp Focus Report

Fellow Nova Scotians:

I am writing this to ask that those involved including the Minister and the Premier please leave their POLITICAL agendas and strategies outside the door as they begin these deliberations.

Please come to the table as a Nova Scotian with children, grand children and great-grandchildren who will have to deal with the results of these decisions for many, many years to come. These are people who would still

like to use our beaches and enjoy the healthy seafood that we currently have.

I am old enough to remember when the beaches started to be spoiled - I went to the United Church Camp when I was a child, however, when our children went to the same camp they were no longer able to swim at the beach. In the beginning I didn't understand - I was very naive - it was the overflow from Boat Harbour making its way down the shore. We want the area to come back environmentally not be further impacted by unhealthy choices.

I have never been a proponent of Northern Pulp closing, however, they need to become a responsible business partner within Pictou County, Nova Scotia and Canada. There are environmentally responsible ways to continue without continuing to impact our environment, the water, land and air and subsequently the people.

Years ago, when all the mines closed people wondered what people would do in Pictou County - that was a long time ago and Pictou County still thrives.

If Northern Pulp chooses not to be responsible then they should be left to themselves and the Government of Nova Scotia should back away from being their co-partner.

Unfortunately, it seems that our government and Northern Pulp think that the citizens can be overpowered with reports that are inadequate and drastically missing pertinent facts and measurements. I am totally overwhelmed to think that Northern Pulp and our government expect us to believe that all things being equal that effluent and added water coming out of the pipe will be clear and without pollutants within feet of the pipe. Where are the actual measurements of everything in the effluent?

- What would be the actual contents of the effluent (every single thing no matter how much or how little).
- How much effluent would be leaving the factory compared to how much is arriving at the end of the pipe (currently leaks are only found when others find them not Northern Pulp)
- How much water would be added to the effluent each day?
- What is the temperature of the effluent as it would reach the ocean water?
- Is the flow of the water adequate to move the effluent?

This is about the changes that are being requested. All their statement should be substantiated by an objective third party that is not aligned with the government.

What about the quality of the air in our county? We were in Pictou Thursday evening this week and the air pollution was so thick it was sickening. I don't hear anything about making this better than it currently is - I thought this was already being addressed.

In closing, I would ask that

1. you order a Full Blown environmental assessment
2. you take the responsibility of caring for our environment very seriously and judiciously.
3. as you consider the application - think if you would want yourself or your family - children and grandchildren would want to live and inhabit the areas directly adjacent to where the effluent will be passing underneath you to the water that you and your family swim in and eat the seafood from it. Will there continue to be good water to swim in and edible seafood from the area. Is this a place you will want your family and pets being around. There is a large population of people who live on the seashore. It is important for all residents to have their properties

continue to appreciate not depreciate because of pollution along th  
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