



In addition, all over the planet fracturing has been alleged to cause soil and ground water contamination through surface spills from waste water evaporation ponds and leaks in holding tanks. Other major environmental complications that has been attributed to hydraulic fracturing such as methane and radionuclide release, induced micro seismic events, and poor land usage pose a danger to our society. The negative impacts it can have on our other key industries such as agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and tourism may be unrepairable and is far too great of risk for Newfoundlanders to carry. The health of the citizens of our province and our land is more important than the potential albeit risky financial opportunities from hydraulic fracturing.

I urge you to please reflect on the environmental, social, and economic issues surrounding hydraulic fracturing and make the recommendation to Minister Derrick Dalley that the practice be banned from the province of Newfoundland and Labrador until it can be proven to be completely safe for humans and the environment. The potential catastrophic and irreversible damage that can be caused is too much a risk to be considered for our land.

Sincerely,

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