

To: Dr. Ray Gosine, Chair, NL Hydraulic Fracturing Review Panel  
Fr: S. Abbott  
Re: Submission to Hydraulic Fracturing Review Panel  
Date: May 14 ,2015

Dear Dr. Gosine:

The west coast of Newfoundland is my home and oil companies have no right to come into my home and inflict harm on my environment, my health and my community. Since Shoal Point Energy started issuing press releases about their intention to use hydraulic fracking in our bay, my community has felt threatened by the oil industry. When Black Spruce Exploration took over the drilling rights from Shoal Point Energy, I was even more concerned. David Murray, the CEO of Black Spruce Exploration, was regularly in the media stating that his company had two oil rigs all ready to go, waiting to be dispatched from Texas, and the rigs were expected to arrive in western NL in the spring of 2014. Mr. Murray consistently said they would have to frack in order to extract the oil from the Green Point Shale. This was very disturbing to our entire community. Shoal Point is a narrow strip of land projecting out into Port au Port Bay and it is one of the proposed drilling sites.

I have lived in Kippens area for all of my life. My ancestors have hunted, fished and farmed here for over 150 years and each generation has been good stewards of the land and the sea. I want to preserve the land and the sea in the same way as my ancestors did, for my future generations.

I sincerely ask you to please consider my legitimate concerns and to recommend to Minister Derrick Dalley that the province ban hydraulic fracturing until it is scientifically proven safe. I have been reading reports on the changes the earth is demonstrating – recent earthquakes and extreme weather patterns for example. This is very scary and I feel we should reconsider our position on such activity. <http://globalnews.ca/news/1891922/experts-trying-to-stop-fracking-earthquakes-in-alberta/>

Fracking is being seriously looked at globally and bans have been put into place as a result of the negative effects it can have on the earth. Our world does not produce new water on demand – so protecting what we have is very important for all people. <http://www.globalresearch.ca/fracking-suicide-capitalism-poisons-the-earths-fresh-water-supplies/5368362>

I ask before a panel of people make a decision that could negatively impact the lives of the people in my western region home for them to proceed with caution. The oil has been in the earth for millions of years, I am confident that it will not be going anywhere soon. Please use caution.

In closing, I ask you to review the recent comprehensive study completed by the Health Professionals of New York. The findings of the Health Professionals of New York is certainly compelling.

*Health Professionals of New York <http://concernedhealthny.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/CHPNY-Fracking-Compendium.pdf>*

Sincerely,  
S. Abbott