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From the Desk of Deanne Miller

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Manitoba Clean Environment Commission
Submitted via: cec@gov.mb.ca

Re: CEC Hearings Submission for the Vivian Silica Sand Extraction Proposal

Dear CEC Committee Members:

I would like to register my objection to issuing the Vivian Silica Sand Extraction Project an Environmental License for the following reasons:

1. Manitoba should uphold and recognize the importance of international high level water protection initiatives such as:
 - a) The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal # 6 (Clean water)
 - b) The European Union Water Framework Directive
2. Manitoba's New Water Strategy was adopted November 2022. Lets protect our water now!
3. Due to the fact that the silica sand extraction technology proposed has no long term and conclusive evidence that there are absolute safeguards to protect against any unforeseen, intentional or unintentional operations or accidents that may affect water quality and the aquifer from train derailments, hydraulic and other fluids used on site, overland flooding with unknown contaminants, human error, mechanical failure, on-site equipment, and new technology and/or equipment not yet anticipated among the lifespan on this multi decade operation.
4. Dr. Pip's report suggests bacteria may enter the aquifer if this project proceeds.
5. Public sentiment has shared their concerns and are clearly against the project, including neighbours near the proposed site.
6. If the company has not been seen as good stewards during their testing and initial planning exercises as portrayed by several presenters, do we risk setting them up for future failure, litigation and an environmental challenge we collectively are not yet ready to mitigate against?

There is great responsibility in reviewing this proposal. Those who make the decision will have a legacy of responsibility that has impact of the lives of thousands of individuals well into the future.

Sincerely,
Deanne Miller



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