

DRAFT LETTER TO BE SENT TO EXPRESS CONCERNS REGARDING THE CAN WHITE SANDS PROJECT. We would ask as many as possible to send a letter by email.

Dear Neighbors & Friends,

There is a lot of public discourse pertaining to CanWhite clearing land.

Many believe that it is a done deal. If we do not voice our concerns, it is.

Our Line in the Sand urges everyone to notify the Federal Minister responsible for the Impact Assessment Act, Hon. Jonathon Wilkinson.

Let your concerns be known about the project and how the licencing process has failed us.

Address your letter to Hon. Jonathon Wilkinson. ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca

And the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. iaac.pnr-rpn.aeic@canada.ca

Refer to Reference Number 80974.

Our quality of life and our children's future are being put at risk. Writing a letter is one of the most powerful actions we can take. Think of the consequence if you do nothing.

Here are some points that can be included with your concerns.

1. The Environmental Approvals Branch (EAB) gave CanWhite Sands Corp allowance to clear land although the assessment process remains ongoing and no environmental license has been issued.
2. EAB gave justification that private property owners can clear their land without approvals but, in this case, it is far more complicated; there is a proposed controversial project registered and the area has been identified as critical habitat for the Golden-winged Warbler, listed as Threatened under the Federal Species at Risk Act and provincial Endangered Species and Ecosystems Act.
3. The EAB is fully aware of the ongoing Federal designation review by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada who, clearly stated in a letter, that when new information is completed and released the Agency would "review the new information provided with a view to determining if it warrants the Minister reconsider designating the Projects."
4. According to 9 (7) (a) of the Impact Assessment Act, if physical activity has substantially begun on a project the Minister must not make the designation.
5. The EAB in allowing CanWhite Sands to move forward on their project may have potentially obstructed a Federal Cabinet Minister's ability to "reconsider designating the Projects" and complicit in an action that could circumvent regulations under the Impact Assessment Act.
6. The EAB allowed CanWhite to divide their project into processing and mining/transport. Dividing projects for assessment has the potential to be inconsistent with principles of sustainability and it permits the separate consideration of factors that in reality act in concert to produce environmental, economic and social impacts. This thwarts a comprehensive assessment.
7. These actions by the EAB are not in the public interest but seemingly more in the interest of industry. We have lost trust in the Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Regime under the Environment Act.
8. Minister Wilkinson, I request that you intervene in this matter and call for a suspension of any activity that may impede your ability and/or may prevent the Agency to "exercise their powers in a manner that adheres to the principles of scientific integrity, honesty, objectivity, thoroughness and accuracy."
9. Minister Wilkinson, I also appeal that in light of all that has transpired and the lack of faith and trust in the current process, that you further intervene and accept the environmental assessment of CanWhite Sands Project.

I request a reply in this matter.

Sincerely,