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Gordon D Hebb - Mining

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To Gordon Hebb.

As President of the Nova Scotia Prospectors Association, representing the views and interests of all Nova Scotia Prospectors I wish to comment on the Uranium issue.

Please be very careful with any arbitrary limits you place on uranium. Uranium is everywhere in small amounts. I have heard a rumoured figure of 3ppm. If this is imposed it will effectively shut down the province to mining. I cannot believe it is your intent to do that. We, the mining community, were assured by the NDP before the election that they were pro mining.

3ppm will shut down the province. You have schools and hospitals built on (blasted from bedrock) ground that has a lot more than that, and many housing subdivisions too. Your 'feel good' 3ppm will then have to be explained to the public who live and work in areas with much higher values than this.

You MUST seek expert scientific reasoning on this issue, and not be influenced by emotions.

PLEASE. I am that concerned.

Not from self interest, but concern for the mining industry and the economy in general.

Do you realize you could shut down the coal mines with this legislation? I'm serious! Please ask an expert scientific source that is knowledgeable in this area.

I know it must feel good to have a majority government and be able to wield the sword, but please consider the consequences only after expert consultation and revue on this issue. Do not make a snap decision on this issue before you have a clear picture of the consequences.

The environmentalists are totally anti mining and would see all operations shut down. They don't care about loss of rural jobs. DO YOU?

Please, be careful what you wish for.

And please ask for further, more detailed information if you would like it.

Very sincerely,
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