

Bill # 39

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Subject: Bill 39

Dear Mr. Hebb,

I am writing to express my lack of support for Bill 39, which if passed will ban Uranium mining in Nova Scotia and essentially close the mining industry completely.

I believe there is a lot of Uranium in Nova Scotia, most of which is probably unknown and will remain so if this Bill is passed. Passing Bill 39 will effectively shut down mining in our province, and there will be no incentive for prospectors or further exploration to be conducted. As it is there are no doubt many houses, indeed subdivisions, built on Uranium deposits of more than 100pp and these levels are surely exceeded when quarrying for road and infrastructure development / construction too.

If Bill 39 is passed we will never know where these deposits are and so will consequently continue the practice of building in inappropriate areas and using these materials to construct roads and public infrastructure etc, but as Nova Scotians we can think of ourselves as good "environmentalists" and be content in our ignorance that mining has been banned in the province.

I have to say that support of Bill 39 is a very Nova Scotian NIMBY response to the issue. Are all those in favour of passing this Bill content to close Mining in the province? Are they all willing to do without modern day technology, transportation and power? I think not, they just don't want to be SEEN to consume these products and would rather that we get them from neighbouring provinces and import them from elsewhere.

Mining does create well paid jobs, which are sorely needed in Nova Scotia. The mining industry contributes significantly toward the economy of this province and should be encouraged to move to the next level. There have been incredible advances made in the Mining Industry over the past fifteen years making the industry more responsible and environmentally aware.

Before Bill 39 is passed I would encourage the government to seek out industry experts to get the other side of the story, learn how modern day mining operations work and what safety precautions are taken at all stages of mining and exploration.

Passing Bill 39 will not get rid of uranium in the province - we just won't know where it is. - Ignorance is bliss, and a really stupid approach for government to take.

I do not support Bill 39.

Sincerely
Barb Allen