

Public Comments - Sun Gro Horticulture Canada Ltd. Evergreen Bog Peat Harvesting

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I am an Environmental Studies student conducting research on peatland harvesting activity in Manitoba. It came to my attention that there was a proposal submitted by Sun Gro Horticulture Ltd regarding the harvesting of Evergreen Bog 1. To my understanding this is the first proposal submitted since IAA (2019) and the last one to not require an exploratory permit.

I would like to submit the following commentary on Sun Gro Horticulture Ltd's application for a PHL (File no. 628.10).

I am concerned that Sun Gro Horticulture lacks baseline data and that the firm should have some foundation, given their extensive harvesting activities in the area. Would there not be data available from Evergreen Bogs 2 and 3 that could indicate whether or not the condition of Evergreen Bog 1 is similar to its original condition prior to any extraction activities?

I am curious how this activity will increase Sun Gro's cumulative impact from their current PHLs and past quarry leases in the southern peatlands region, in Manitoba, and in Canada as a whole. If there is little to mitigate certain sources of carbon emissions during the preparation and harvesting of peatlands, how will this impact climate change goals and the safety of future generations? Moreover, why is Sun Gro intent on expanding into more peatlands in the area when they renewed their leasehold for Evergreen Bogs 2 and 3 in 2018? What level of compliance has Sun Gro shown when data has been audited or monitored by the government of Manitoba? How many days (if any) above thresholds annually does Sun Gro average? Should this be of any concern when considering the impacts of harvesting Evergreen Bog 1?

I am also curious if enough attention has been made to protected species in the bog, including the Northern Leopard Frog and whether 100m buffers will be large enough for species to safely move throughout their ecosystem. I am concerned that continuing to approve PHLs in this area will severely fragment habitats and create more concerns for wildlife.

I do not believe that this expansion of Evergreen Bog should be approved because I do not believe that climate change goals can be achieved if the total carbon emissions from a single firm or the peatland harvesting industry in Manitoba. Moreover, I believe that companies like Sun Gro should find sustainable alternatives and eliminate peat from their operations over time, as opposed to expanding these operations and contributing at a greater rate to greenhouse gas emissions and other methods of pollution from peatland harvesting.

Regards,

Lizzie Tough

The Sun Gro EAP follows a recent trend in this paperwork in that it is signed by hired consultants who describe themselves as “Environmental Scientist” and “Senior Environmental Scientist” with “Environment Department Head” as in “Head Scientist”, I assume. Do not confuse this with professionalism. Professionals can be sued for their errors. It happens regularly to accountants, lawyers, doctors, architects, engineers and so on. It never happens to scientists or economists because, for reasons unknown to me, they are not liable for their mistakes.

Furthermore, is it remotely possible that a hired consultant says anything, whatsoever, negative about an EAP?

And then there are the disclaimers;

1. *This report is based on information made available to KGS Group by Sun Gro. Unless stated otherwise, KGS Group has not verified the accuracy, completeness or validity of such information, makes no representation regarding its accuracy and hereby disclaims any liability in connection therewith.*
2. *KGS Group prepared the geo-environmental conclusions and recommendations for this report in a professional manner using the degree of skill and care exercised for similar projects under similar conditions by reputable and competent environmental consultants.*

Apparently, KGS was (1.) just following orders and (2.) was copying other “scientists”.

So, why should I read 205 pages written by unaccountable people?

But I read enough to learn that KGS did an eloquent job of defining the “Environmental Issues” (see 5.2). Then it went on to a “Biophysical Effects Assessment” (see 5.3) where these scientists came to the same conclusion with regard to every single environmental risk associated with the project:

“determined to be not significant”

Compared to what? Sun Gro’s profits? KGS’s fees?

The same unquantified conclusion was reached with respect to socioeconomic effects (see 5.4). Yup:

“determined to be not significant”

This is tedious and counter-intuitive. My favourite is Aesthetic Values (see 5.4.6). Because this project won’t be seen by many folks, the utter destruction of the landscape was, you guessed it:

“determined to be not significant”

Peat mining has been called “environmentally bankrupt”. It took 10,000 years of evolution to create the peat bogs which preserve our water and sequester carbon. Then along comes a corporation in search of a market, and for the most frivolous of reasons, wrenches peat from where it should remain and trucks it off to a foreign country. In the case of Sun Gro, the net profits leave the country, too.

Despite the assurances of the peat moss industry, no peat bog in Manitoba has ever been restored to its pre-mining condition. In every case all we are left with is a flooded hole in the ground. If I am mistaken, kindly send me the GPS coordinates of your “restored” bog of choice long with the statistics of its secondary production.

Despite all the damage done to water, wildlife, ecosystems and climate the Sun Gro EAP will be approved.

But thanks for the KGS scientists' conclusion that this particular endeavour will have no environmental consequences. Heck, the impact on climate is declared to be 0.0002% of Canada's emissions. Sluffing responsibility off is unscientific.

But here is what the Province of Manitoba wrote in its "Peatlands Stewardship Strategy" in 2014:

1. Peatlands cover 3% of the Earth's surface but contain 30% of the world's carbon.
2. Peat harvesting represents up to 3% of Manitoba's greenhouse gases.
3. Only 250 Manitobans are directly employed in peat mining.

This is why peat mining is particularly environmentally bankrupt in Manitoba. It is a major contributor to lethal climate change and it employs a tiny number of Manitobans. The Sun Gro EAP is insulting when it reports that its impact will add 0.0002% in Canada's climate damage. It is unconscionable that the "scientists" behind this pathetic comment have ignored the cumulative effects of peat mining in Manitoba.

The EAP proves, once, again, that everybody wants to avoid climate change as long as their lifestyles are not affected.

There are other tragedies beside climate change that also reinforce the environmental bankruptcy of peat mining. They include water pollution, ecosystem damage and wildlife habitat loss all so that a needless product can be produced by relatively few people.

And there goes another Northern Leopard Frog.

There are no credits on the photographs of the site. Did KGS take them or were they provided by Sun Gro. Did KGS visit the site? If so, how many times, during which seasons and for how long?

It is disturbing that Scatliff & Miller & Murray apparently distributed literature which depicts peat mining in a positive light when consulting with "stakeholders". The "Fact Sheet" presented is grossly skewed in Sun Gro's favour. Peat moss scattered on the land does not "Improve Green Spaces". It is wholly unnecessary. "Food Production" and "Starting Seeds" is redundant.

There are serious negative consequences to stripping peat from its natural location. None of this is in the so-called "Fact Sheet".

The list of "stakeholders" is deficient. People like me get an insufficient amount of time to respond to the EAP, and zero consideration as a "stakeholder".

There is no evidence whatsoever that peat mined by Sun Gro is one-sixtieth of annual renewal. This is NOT a FACT in the context of Sun Gro's operations.

The answer to "Who is Sun Gro Horticulture" failed to mention that it is controlled by investors in Chicago, and that is where the profits eventually go. That IS a FACT!

Did anyone notice the “red” areas on page 154? These are among the most important peat areas in Manitoba because they filter water headed for Lake Winnipeg. But this is the peat being ripped out by Sun Gro.

Would it be possible for these EAPs to offer taxpayers more than 30 days to respond? Don’t forget, we own the natural resources of this province, not some foreigner in Illinois.

Yours truly,

C. Hugh Arklie, CA (ret.), BA (Env. St.)

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We need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it.

We are in a climate emergency, yet the government’s greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted.

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Please don’t allow new peat mines in Manitoba.

Yours truly,

Michelle York

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Wojtek Rzeszowski

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Yours truly,
Diana and Dhali Dhaliwal R3N 0B3

We cannot afford a new peat mine. Canada is already warming at double the rate of the rest of the world and we need to keep our wild spaces intact to avoid the worst affects of the climate crisis.
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Do the right thing for us all and do not allow this mine to go forward. Money is useless on a dead planet.

Yours truly,
Daniel Friesen

We need to put a stop to unchecked, unrestrained Commercial development.

Yours truly,
Iyle carroll

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Yours truly,
Evan Marnoch

Allowing peat mining is heading in the wrong direction and will defeat any attempts to make Canada carbon free. We cannot allow these proposals to go through. The current government needs to reject this peat mining application to set an example that the government will not allow companies to implement any activity that damages the earth and our climate.

Yours truly,
Cathy Foy

Manitoba must renew—and sustain indefinitely—the moratorium on new peat mines. Peat bogs are the most carbon-rich ecosystem on Earth; draining them will release vast stores of carbon. The ecosystem service they provide is too precious to deplete, especially during our present climatic emergency. Draining our peat bogs represents a transfer of our climatic defence system, which is to say, wealth, from the many to the few.

In 2015, the International Institute for Sustainable Development released a report, commissioned by the government of Manitoba, that found that Manitoba would have to buy carbon credits to mitigate the massive carbon release that occurs from peat mining.

The government's regulations of greenhouse gas emissions barely qualify as polite suggestions, since they do not require any company to reduce its emissions in Manitoba. If the provincial government introduced and enforced effective regulations to reduce greenhouse gases, peat mining would be off the table.

Please extend the moratorium on peat mines in Manitoba.

Yours truly,

Michael Bagamery

This proposal MUST NOT be allowed to go through. I have witnessed myself the destruction caused by peat mining in other parts of Manitoba, and it is tragic to behold. Hundreds of acres of pristine wilderness are literally scraped bare. (Visit Google Earth and take a look at the area north of Beaver Creek Provincial Park, and you'll see what I mean.)

There are renewable alternatives to peat mining. It's time for Manitoba to show leadership on environmental stewardship, and to put words into action. No more peat mines!

Yours truly,

Dr Peter Hughes

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to submit my sincere concern about starting another peat mine in Manitoba. At a time when climate change is critical for our future survival, taking away a proven carbon sink, like peat bogs, is a seriously bad idea.

Wetlands are free filters and carbon sinks that work naturally to remove carbon, mitigate flooding and release water during drought. We need to preserve and safeguard these natural places.

Please do not allow further peat mining on Manitoba, AND please consider banning the sale of peat for garden use for the same reasons!

I know you will make the right environmental decision,
Ross Brownlee

I am horrified that Manitoba is receiving applications for peat mines. Have we learned nothing? We need to leave in place natural structures that store carbon, not release more carbon into the atmosphere. Peat mines are exactly the wrong direction to go. Review the science and stop even considering these destructive undertakings.

Yours truly,

Esme Keith

This news of a possible peat mine is deeply upsetting. We cannot allow this project to release more dangerous carbon into the atmosphere at a time when we are facing a climate change emergency. Nor can we afford to destroy an ecosystem of the bog. To destroy this is looting a natural asset for short term gain.

Instead of allowing peat mining, we need to reinstate the moratorium on new peat mining operations in Manitoba. It takes political will and strong policy to curb climate change. Here is a perfect opportunity. Let's not waste it.

Yours truly,

Alexandra Caporale

As a resident of Manitoba I want my voice to be heard that I am absolutely undoubtably against the idea of allowing peat mines in Manitoba. The negative climate impact far outweighs any potential positives, especially when the purpose is for individuals to profit. I believe it was negligent to lift the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba and we absolutely need to renew it ASAP.

Yours truly,
Steven Parry

We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted. The amount of carbon that would be released with this peat mine would be horrific for the environment. Do not allow this to happen.

Yours truly,
Ilse Dyck

I am completely appalled that you are considering another peat mine in Manitoba. In a looming climate catastrophe, as many scientists have stated, this is absolutely wrong to contemplate.

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I demand that you reject this and all other peat mining proposals. To not do so is stealing the futures of our grandchildren for a little bit of corporate profits and a few temporary jobs.

Yours truly,
Stephen Berg

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Yours truly,
Maureen Ferley

Draining peat bogs releases large stores of carbon, among other damages. Please do the right thing.

Yours truly,
Janice Banks

Manitoba can play a small but crucial role in the coming climate efforts. NOT mining sequestered carbon seems like the easiest of things to do considering the economic benefit is primarily limited to very few. Please leave it alone.

Yours truly,

Jonathan Chabot

It is environmentally ludicrous to allow any further mining of peat bogs in Manitoba (or anywhere else, for that matter).

Peat bogs are critical for the climate. Covering only three per cent of Earth's land surface, they store 30 per cent of the carbon. Peat bogs are an irreplaceable part of our climate defense system.

As soon as you drain the water in a peat bog it begins spewing out carbon at a rate unlike anything other than burning fossil fuels.

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Your government needs to forego it's fiscal policy of ""short term gain for long term pain""!

Yours truly,
dave McKnight

To the Manitoba government,

My name is Laura I'm 22 years old, and I live in Manitoba. It sickens me to think about this peat mine, that is my clean air that you are taking away. This world is dying and it's dying fast, and we live in a place that has beautiful untouched nature and it's our job to keep it that way. This is our home and we only

get one. If we destroy it with things like peat mining there's no going back. I'm scared. I scared to have children because I don't want them growing up on a dying earth, they deserve to breathe healthy air and they deserve healthy nature to grow up around. By having this peat mine you are taking my rights away and taking my future children's rights away for nothing except money and greed. Reading about this peat mine brought tears to my eyes. I love Manitoba and we need to protect it.

Yours truly,
Laura horn

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Yours truly,
Malina Tillberg

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Yours truly,
Bryan Kehler

Stop mining peat it's not worth it there are other ways to provide soil improvements by compost and proper soil management.

Yours truly,
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Yours truly,

Eric Northwood

Peat mining is looting our collective climate defense system for the profit of the few, and it is reprehensible behaviour.

Yours truly,

Sharon McCullough

I am writing to strongly oppose peat mining in Manitoba. Peat bogs are critical in fighting climate catastrophe, and even though they cover only three per cent of Earth's land surface, they store 30 per

cent of the carbon. Draining the water in a peat bog releases carbon emissions at a rate unlike anything other than burning fossil fuels.

Stop this catastrophic mining activity. It is benefitting only the richest people in our society, and is not worth the devastation to our climate.

Yours truly,

Nicholas Niebuhr

I am writing today to express my deepest concern with the possibility of approving a new peat strip mine operation in Evergreen Bog.

The previous moratorium on peat mines must be renewed if we ever have a hope of reaching any kind of reduction in carbon emissions.

It is well and good to pat ourselves on the back and say that Manitoba has a lot of green energy, but that does not reduce our goal to decrease ours and the world's carbon footprint.

These bogs are one of the most carbon rich ecosystems on Earth and by draining them for strip mining, these vast stores of carbon are released into the environment. We must do everything in our power to keep as much carbon in the ground by protecting these bogs and forests by having effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations in place.

Manitoba should show some leadership in producing effective legislation to curb carbon emissions from both industry and individuals alike instead of wasting time and taxpayers money fighting the federal government about the imposition of a carbon tax.

We are in a climate emergency and the longer we are to take action only puts us further and further behind.

The earth is telling us in so many ways (floods, hurricanes, droughts, uncontrolled fires) that we are at a tipping point that failing to act could take us to a point of no return.

As Covid is teaching us daily, life on our planet is ultimately more valuable than all the economies of the world.

Yours truly,

Alice French R3L 1S3

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Yours truly,

Monica Novotny R3G 1W6

HELP US!!!!

Yours truly,

LINDA MCEWEN

Peat bog mining is unconscionable when we should be trying to reduce our carbon footprint. I plead with you to (1) disallow any such mining and (2) reintroduce a moratorium on any future peat mining. Our children's future demands our action now. Please be part of the solution.

Yours truly,

John VanWalleghem

Manitoba embarked in 2011 on a necessary moratorium on peat mining. I hear that the government is seeking opinion about possible new projects that will exploit this resource. The answer should be NO... don't do this. Peat bogs store 30 per cent of terrestrial carbon. We can't be messing with this system. Please don't even consider this sort of exploitation of nature.

Yours truly,

Sue Sorensen

Please put a stop, permanently, to peat mining in Manitoba. The resulting carbon release cannot be justified.

Yours truly,

Dawn Campbell

We have to live here, the earth is warming at an alarming rate and this is incredibly irresponsible and short sighted. Please don't do this. Think of your family. Extreme weather events are happening at an increasing rate, even events like this virus have a link to climate change. Please.

Yours truly,
Christianna Forsman

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Yours truly,
doug krause

I am extremely disappointed to learn that our Provincial government is again considering new proposals for peat mining in Manitoba. Not only are peat bogs rare and special habitat, if mined they will contribute enormously to our greenhouse gas emissions.

Please renew the Moratorium on new peat Mines in Manitoba and for the new peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog.

Yours truly,
Pam Lucenkiw

Manitoba peat bogs provide a natural way for us to store carbon in the ground. Mining peat releases all of this stored carbon into greenhouse gases. We need to renew our moratorium on new peat bogs. All industry must be required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to address the climate emergency. Please use my tax dollars to create policy that prioritizes people and the planet rather than profit for large corporations.

Yours truly,
Audrey Unger

It is long past time to protect our environment against the continuing careless assaults from industry. Mining of peat bogs is a seemingly harmless but in actuality very dangerous contribution to our climate crisis. You are called upon to renew the moratorium on new peat moss mines in Manitoba. This action along with greater attention to reducing greenhouse gases and promoting a cleaner environment should be your priority. A green economy will also provide well-paying employment. Voters will be watching and ready to support those who will take right action.

Yours truly,

Roger Gateson

We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted.

It troubles me deeply that we would consider exploiting this incredibly important facet of our ecosystem for the benefit of one of the richest families in Canada.

I am vehemently against this proposal.

Yours truly,
Taliza Elson

Our poor, poor planet is much too close to her tipping point for us to be enacting policies that will only serve to push her over the edge. We must preserve whatever precious little pristine wilderness remaining and re-wild much of that stolen from the animal nations. The United Nations has launched a campaign targeting 30% of the planet's wild spaces to be protected from human encroachment and development by 2030 and 50% by 2050. We have taken and taken from Mother Earth. It is time to recognize that the idea of unlimited growth is leading us down a path of destruction. Do not lift the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba.

Yours truly,
Debbie Wall

Please consider the words of Franklin D Roosevelt “ a nations destroys its souls destroys itself. Forest are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people.”

Please refer to the research: environmental impacts of peat mining in the US doe meant for wetland conservation by Marjorie G. winkler. (one of maybe studies)

Please refer to conclusion that peat mounds release extensive amount of hydrogen, disrupt element cycles, release toxic metals in to air, surface, water ways etc, and provide no long term energy solution!

This is not be new information to you, But what is the argument for the peat mine when it is not providing many LONG TERM FUTURE benefits

Yours truly,
Leanne Kukelko

Please do not allow Peat Mining in Manitoba. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem in the world and draining them leads to the release of the carbon. Please renew the moratorium on new peat mines.

Yours truly,
Bonnie Berry

Please protect our precious ecosystem. Manitoba’s International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) released a government commissioned report in 2015 that states there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits.

Yours truly,
isabella Sewart

I am writing to express my concerns regarding increased development of peat mines in the Hadashville area. You will see similar concerns expressed by so many citizens both regional to this place - I am a part time resident of Hadashville - and from afar - people who know the irrevocable destruction caused by peat mining. I understand that Sun-grow is a for profit business and their sole activity is peat mining. Peat mining is ultimately an un-necessary industry with the majority of the product used in gardening and greenhouses. There are sustainable alternatives.

Mostly I want to appeal to your hearts and minds. We want to be on the right side of history right now. We want to move as quickly as possible to find creative solutions to the problems we’re causing and not contribute to these problems. It means some businesses will not be able to expand. We’re getting good at pivoting these days. Please consider letting this forest coneti ur to be a forest for the forest’s sake. Let the peat bog do it’s intended job in the delicate balance of nature.

Someone receiving this letter must have some sense that we can't just keep pushing forward with these developments. We already have a sun-gro operation and the two Berger mines in very close proximity in our neighbourhood.

Let nature do its job and find sustainable alternatives. Humans are creative, let's flex that muscle!

Yours truly,
erika macpherson

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Yours truly,
Evelyn Ball

I am a mother of two young children and I want to see a bright and clean future for them. Allowing a new peat strip mine in Manitoba is a step backwards in our fight toward climate sustainability. Please do the right thing for all Manitobans and DO NOT allow this climate catastrophe.

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commissioned report in 2015 that states there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits.

Thank you for taking heed of my concerns. A healthy planet is the only way toward a just and sustainable economy for all.

Yours truly,
Amy Knight R3G 0X7

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Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) released a government commissioned report in 2015 that states there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits. This is unacceptable, and in order to maintain Manitoba's biodiversity, we need to actively protect even our most looked over ecosystems. As an Indigenous woman, I urge you to please take these actions with us, for the sake of not only our land, but Manitoba's children and future.

Yours truly,
Jessica Stefanik

Thank you first for taking the time to read my concerns here regarding a new peat strip mine proposal by Sun Gro Horticulture. I would very strongly encourage you to deny any such request. The very limited amount of peat bogs that are left in the world, and in our very own province, should not be seen as resource to mine but rather a resource to protect. Peat bogs store huge amounts of carbon and I do not want Manitoba to be contributing to global warming but rather be exemplifying solutions to address climate change. I very strongly encourage you to renew the moratorium on new peat mines, it should not have been lifted in the first place. Replacement/replenishment of a peat bog does not happen and I hope that the long term benefits of no new peat mines will come first in your decision making vs. exploitation of the earth for short term monetary gain.

Yours truly,
Gwen Penner

We must stop peat mining for the sake of the climate. We know the science around this and draining peat bogs will release vast stores of carbon, therefore we must renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba, as it shouldn't have been lifted in the first place. WE are in a CLIMATE EMERGENCY and must ACT NOW.

Yours truly,
Kathie Eekhoudt

Peat mining cannot be allowed – no more peat bog destruction!
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Yours truly,
Grant Stefanyshen

You are doing this. During a pandemic and a climate crisis.
Really..... you do realize your children and their children will read all about this.

Yours truly,
C. Campbell

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Yours truly,
Justine Hudson

If the government is serious about climate change they will stop any mining of Manitoba's peat bogs and reinstate the moratorium on peat mines in Manitoba.

As soon as you drain the water in a peat bog it begins spewing out carbon at a rate unlike anything other than burning fossil fuels. Profit will go to an American company and we will pay for the costs of climate change.

Yours truly,
Ray Knispel

I am adamantly opposed to the idea of peat mining in Manitoba. Peat bogs are immensely carbon rich, and draining them simply releases large amounts of carbon into the atmosphere and contributes significantly to global warming. We are in a climate emergency, and our response should include renewing the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective controls on greenhouse gases, peat mining would never be permitted in this province.

Yours truly,

Eugene Szach

Please, do Not approve the proposal for a peat strip mine in the Evergreen Bog, filed by Sun Gro Horticulture.

Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth -- draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. To approve this proposal would effectively be looting our collective climate defense system for the profit of the few.

We are in a climate emergency, yet your government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent; no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted.

We need to renew the 2015 moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it. It needs to be enforced in perpetuity. There is no practical way to mitigate the climate damage done by peat mining.

Do the right thing. Reject this proposal.

Yours truly,

Jane Dick

I would like to express my concern about our Peat Moss Mining here in Manitoba. These are important carbon storage for the planet

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Yours truly,
Kevinmer Celestino

There is no excuse for using our natural resources for the profit of a few when the results of that use, in turn, releases carbon and harms the environment and all of us who own it.

It is incumbent on the government to protect our natural resources which in turn protect us who collectively own it.

My vote is NO to peat bog strip mining in Manitoba.

Yours truly,
Ron Wiebe

It is no longer the time to protect the rich.
It is no longer the time to be ruled by greed
It is no longer the time to ignore science

Now is the time to protect our environment

It is the time to value our climate defenses, protect our fleeting save guards and be proactive in the fight against climate change.

Peat bogs are worth more to this world, it's voiceless inhabitants and to this and future generations than industry which only profits the few.

A clean and healthy environment benefits all.

Now is the time to protect Manitoba's peat bogs because clearly, nature could use the win today.

Thank you.

Yours truly,
Rebecca Borchert

Peat mining is unacceptable. Please, hold your uncontrollable desire to make money abusing natural resources for the benefit of a few people. Our ecosystems are sick! We can't continue ignoring what is happening worldwide (climate change, habitat & biodiversity loss, etc). Canada has a small population in comparison to its size, that is why most Canadians think everything is ok here. Further, peat bogs occupy 3% of the Earth's land surface, but hold 30% of the carbon. An intensive environmental course should be a pre-requisite to be hired in any government jobs. Enough is enough!

Yours truly,
Vania Halldorson

We should not allow peat mining in Manitoba. Very bad for ecology wild life species global warming. We must keep and protect our bogs.

Yours truly,
Deborah Seguin

Say "no" to peat mining because peat bogs sequester very large amounts of carbon. Draining the water in a peat bog releases that carbon.

The previous moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba must be renewed.

Yours truly,
Kevin Miller

I am writing in strong opposition to the peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog. Peat bogs are known to be the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth and draining them immediately releases large stores of carbon. It was very unfortunate that the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba was lifted

and I urge you to renew it immediately before any mining of the bog occurs. It is critical that we as a province do everything possible to avoid the massive carbon release peat bog mining would cause.

Yours truly,
Frances Booth

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Peat bogs are a big climate deal. Mining peat is like releasing a climate change bomb. A new peat strip mine in the Evergreen Bog should not be allowed.

Yours truly,
Harold Thwaites

That I need to write again to our Government on the issue of peat mining is unacceptable. About ten years ago we had to go through this same process to stop this environmentally disastrous practice to not be allowed in Manitoba and here we are again with it back on the table. It was negligent to lift the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba and it needs to be reinstated.

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Peat bogs are critical for the climate. Covering only three per cent of Earth's land surface, they store 30 per cent of the carbon. Peat bogs are an irreplaceable part of our climate defense system.

Respectfully I express my strong opposition to this proposed climate catastrophe and request that the Government refuse to permit the new peat mine application and renew the moratorium on peat mining in Manitoba.

Yours truly,
Annette Gargol

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Yours truly,
Kati Nagy

My family and I are opposed to the use of peat as an extracted resource in Manitoba. The ecological and environmental impacts outweigh any financial gain, by a substantial margin. The net loss is one thing, but the optics are particularly bad, reinforcing the impression everyone has that our provincial government places the wealth of few on a level of importance far higher than the defenceless environment. Actually, the environment does have a way to react to such practices, but none of us will like the irreversible consequences. Buying carbon credits, in this case, is just like justifying breaking the law if you have enough money to easily pay the fines. Come on people in government. This is an easy way for you to come out looking like you care about the environment. Listen to science over short term economic interests.

Yours truly,
B Hydesmith

Dear friend

Please do not agree to any new peat mines. There are alternatives that are more environmentally safe. Our peat bogs are our lungs removing them is fatal. I would suggest that agreeing to peat mines [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. *[Redacted due to offensive content]*

Yours truly,
Kelly Klick

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Yours truly,
Garry Loewen

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We are in a climate crisis.

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Please take action to protect our environment.

Yours truly,
Carolyn Epp-Fransen

I am writing to you today to tell you that peat mining is looting our collective climate defence system. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystems on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. We need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it. We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are none existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted. Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development released a government commissioned

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Yours truly,
Cameron Griffiths

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Stop the new peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog now!

Yours truly,
Zenon Gawron

I am writing to add my name to the list of Manitobans who are opposed to peat mining. I have recently learned that a private company has made a proposal for a new peat mine in the Evergreen Bog. This should not be permitted and the moratorium on peat mining needs to be renewed to protect this critical part of our fight to reduce emissions in our province.

Peat bogs are critical for carbon storage and should never be exploited for profit.

Please put protection of our environment over profit and reinstate a moratorium on peat mining. My grandchildren are counting on your actions to protect the environment!

Yours truly,
Keith Benson

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Manitoba. It has come to my attending that the government is considering a proposal for new peat strip mine in Evergreen Bog.

Bogs are not a renewable resource. Once gone the balancing aspect of the bog in the environment has been destroyed. As well, I am sure the government is aware that bogs hold vast amounts of carbon. Once mining is started the carbon held in the bog is released. Given the current awareness the need to mitigate and minimize carbon emissions it is essential that mining of bogs is abandoned. I strongly urge both the Minister of the Conservation, the Minister of Resource Development, and the Premier of Manitoba to reject the proposal for peat mining in Evergreen Bog.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,
Cathryn Ekdahl

I am opposed to allowing any mining of peat bogs in Manitoba. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth. Mining them releases vast stores of carbon. As you are aware, we need to increase carbon storage to offset the effects of climate change. There previously was a moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba but it was allowed to lapse. We need to renew the moratorium. It was negligent to lift it.

Yours truly,
Wendy Barker

Please do not allow this Peat mine proposal to go forward. Peat provides a wonderful storage place for carbon, and strip mining would expose a huge carbon release while we are trying to reach low carbon emission goals locally and internationally.

Sincerely
Donna M. Cawker

I am completely opposed to peat mining! Peat bogs are a big climate deal. They only cover 3% of the earth's land surface but they STORE 30% of the terrestrial carbon. As soon as you drain water in a peat bog it begins releasing carbon. PREVENTING this from happening is FAR more important than any monetary gain that could be acquired by doing this mining. It is the government's responsibility to make SURE peat mining does NOT occur

Yours truly,
Gracie Greenham

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Yours truly,
Shannon Whitehead

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Yours truly,
Sunny Enkin Lewis

Dear recipient,
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Please do not dig up more and cause our future world to crumble. Consider us, the youth, it is our future you are draining away and we do not consent to it.

Yours truly,
Nicola Pensato

We wish to register our strong objection to any new peat mining activity in Manitoba. The mining of peat is a well known contributor to the excess and unnecessary release of greenhouse gasses. The moratorium should be reinstated. This is a perfect example of a commercial activity that produces economic gain for very few at tremendous cost to the planet. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,
Dale and Barbara Purvis

I am very concerned about the peat mine being proposed in Manitoba. Peat mining is looting our collective climate defense system for the profit of the few. It does not fit at all in the Made for Manitoba Green Plan and should be refused. Please do not approve this project and keep the carbon naturally sequestered in the ground

Yours truly,
Robert Regnier

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Yours truly,
Nora Kroeger

Stop peat mining!
STOP Contributing to carbon loading!!

Yours truly,
Julie Morrison

Please renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. Our environment can not afford this massive carbon release.

Thank You

Yours truly,
Jacob Rempel

The ideas behind the previous moratorium on new peat mines continue to be important today, and the moratorium needs to be extended indefinitely.

We, as Manitobans, have a chance to lead in the 'New Normal' and our Green Recovery. Valuing our peat bogs for the carbon sequestration they provide should be part of our leadership.

Buying carbon credits to offset intentional environmental damage is a lazy, corporation-friendly way to pacify objectors. It is NOT the solution.

Our planet has these amazing peat bogs that make up 3% of our land surface, yet they store 30% of our carbon. Damage to this valuable eco-system is not Resource Development. It is Resource Destruction.

The resource is not what we can extract, it is the bog itself. This simple shift in how we see our beautiful province and what it has to offer can propel us forward, and will build a strong recovery that considers impacts on future generations.

Yours truly,
Pam Rempel

It is often easy to overlook the climate crisis when there are more immediate social crises at play, but the consequences are disastrous.

Peat mining is an irresponsible and destructive practice, releasing carbon emissions that can be compared only to burning vast amounts of fossil fuels. For decades, scientists and engineers have given us alternatives to fossil fuels. We must also listen to them in the case of peat mining, and preserve the peat bogs as part of our desperately needed climate defense system.

Despite the global climate emergency, the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted.

It was short-sighted and negligent to lift the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. We need to immediately renew it and seek alternatives that will allow our incredible province and the world to better recover from this climate crisis.

Yours truly,
Raya Cornelsen

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Yours truly,
Ella Thomson

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Yours truly,
Lisa LaBella

We desperately need to preserve our peat bogs as one of the important ways to address the crisis of climate change.

Only 3% of our Earth is covered with peat bogs and yet they store 30% of our land's carbon. This is a limited resource. I believe it is our government's responsibility to protect our land. Please do not allow peat bogs to be mined!

Yours truly,
Judy McKinnon

Please do not allow peat mining in Manitoba. Allowing this peat mine would bring very little profit, but the Carbon Release could do much harm. Let's not put meagre profit before long term harm to our environment.

Yours truly,
Charlotte Kroeker

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Yours truly,
Adam Borchert

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Please, think and be smart about what you choose to do. I beg you to say no to the new peat strip mine. This is not what we should be doing if we want a chance to fight climate change.

Yours truly,

Anne-Sophie Régnier

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Yours truly,
Marjorie Larson

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This government needs to stop allowing big business to take whatever they please and decimate the earth. It's also despicable of the government to push through devastating bills And these kinds of projects, in the middle of a pandemic!

Yours truly,
Anna Weier

I am against opening new peat mines in Mb for environmental reasons.

Yours truly,
Val Collicutt

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Yours truly,
Annabelle Leger

I am opposed to peat mining in the Evergreen Bog. Peat Bogs are a major storage place for carbon and are vital in our fight against climate change. We are in a climate emergency and we need to take drastic action now. If you think managing Covid- 19 is difficult now, wait until climate change becomes the main issue. Why not make a decision that will impact the world greatly right now. There should be a moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. In 2015, Manitoba's international institute for sustainable development released a government commissioned report that states there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits. We can't do the carbon credit dance, we need to act NOW.

Yours truly,
kathy maher

Mining peat bogs is an unconscionable contribution to the climate catastrophe! Please don't be complicit!

Yours truly,
Gene Degen

I strongly object to reopening peat bogs to mining. They are important sources to store carbon. This action is incompatible with our attempts to reduce Canada's carbon footprint. We are either part of the the solution or part of the problem. Manitoba cannot be both.

Yours truly,
Mark Lander

Please preserve Manitoba's peat. Peat is an amazing carbon sink that the world is in short of. We can do our part and save the peat lands we have right here in Manitoba.

Yours truly,
Matthew Sawatzky

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Yours truly,
Grace Carey

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It would be most foolish and reckless to go ahead with the proposed draining of the peat bog - doesn't make any sense, and is completely unjust.

Yours truly,
Lesley Glendinning

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Yours truly,

Jude Zieske

I just learned of a new peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog. This Provincial Government is proud of its environmental record, yet going ahead with this project has nothing good in store for the future of our province, our country, or the world's climate. Peat bogs store 30 per cent of carbon, despite only covering 3% of the Earth's land surface. Harvesting, and thereby destroying the peat bogs will have a devastating impact due its release of immense amounts of stored carbon, more than what burning fossil fuels does to the atmosphere.

We need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba and it was negligent to lift the ban. This government is asking us to believe in the science behind COVID, and in a similar vein, I am asking this government to also believe in the climate science that shows how a new peat mine would be devastating by furthering our province's contributions to greenhouse gas emissions. Look at the 2015 government commissioned report by Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development to learn more.

The last thing we need right now during this COVID emergency is contributing further to the other emergency we're in with our climate.

Thank you for your time,

Yours truly,
Kevin Kehler

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This is my future, and the future of millions of other young people that you are playing with here. I'm NOT okay with the richest people in Canada continuing to ravage the land and water to fill their coffers while the MB govt does almost NOTHING to buffer the effects of the climate emergency that we are falling deeper and deeper into.

Yours truly,
Tyler Garbacki

I am totally against allowing new peat strip mines in Manitoba. Peatlands have a huge capacity to store carbon, help in flood mitigation and provide a haven for wildlife. Draining peat bogs immediately releases vast stores of carbon. We need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. Banning peat mining is an effective way for Manitoba to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and play our part in reversing global warming.

Yours truly,
Mark Taylor

I am against this proposal.

Yours truly,
Meagan Hartle

This letter is in response to the peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog. Peat bogs are irreplaceable as part of our climate defence system and at a time when climate catastrophe is on the brink of no return, to think of damaging the peat bog is unconscionable. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystems on the Earth and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. Please renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba!

Yours truly,
Kerry Callan

We need to move to help rebuild the environment not tear it down even more! For everyone and all life. Canada is already one of the top producers of green house gasses, not a title we want to hold and we should work away from the title not towards keeping it!

Yours truly,
Shianne Crompton

I would like to let you know I am very much against the new peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog has been filed by Sun Gro Horticulture. Instead of continuing to use peat on our horticulture activities, there are alternatives on the market that are more environmentally sustainable such as coir. I personally made the switch when I learned of the impact on sensitive habitats when peat is mined. We don't need to use peat.

It takes an extremely long time for peat to be regenerated and in the meantime, we lose the benefits that peat bogs provide for our climate and water. At a time when carbon sequestration is a critical and urgent matter for cooling the earth's climate, risking the very significant carbon release that comes from mining peat is dangerous. Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) released a government commissioned report in 2015 that states there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits. Bogs and other wetlands also improve water quality and provide flood mitigation which are also essential. Please reinstate the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba immediately.

Yours truly,
Shelley and Mike Malyk

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Yours truly,
Natalie Lagasse

Please consider the effect this will have on our planet, and global wellbeing. This will not only affect Manitobans, but the world as the carbon is released. I do not consent and do not approve of this destruction of land and environment. Peat mines are not a necessity, and with the damage they do, the moratorium needs to be put back in place.

The PC Government likes to boast that Manitoba is doing fine environmentally and climate change wise because we get most of our electricity from hydro dams, but we are still putting plenty of greenhouse gases out there. There is so much more we could and should be doing.

Be a government not for companies, but for the people. Protect our wildlife and environment, as it is what we should be doing.

Do what is right, and not what will bring money in while causing terrible chaos.

Yours truly,
Alyssaa Hennigan

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Yours truly,
Gregory Switala

I am very disappointed to hear of the plans for a new peat strip mine. Climate denial is no longer an option, we are in a climate crisis. People vote for climate change now, and history will not be kind to those that did not act.

Yours truly,
Brady Allard

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Yours truly,
Liam Stoopendaal

This is something that should not be done with what we know now. Our futures depend on keeping carbon in the ground and doing the complete opposite of defending that ground for profits is absolutely ridiculous.

Yours truly,
James Fawley

I am writing to you today to make you aware that I am completely against the new peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog. The risk of releasing so much carbon dioxide in to the atmosphere for such a small return in jobs and profit is disgusting. Our environment exists to ensure we can pass the land on to future generations to enjoy. This shortsighted decision will do nothing to help the economy and will only serve to needlessly destroy some of Manitobas beautiful natural environments.

I am sick and tired of the conservative government putting the wants of the few ahead of the needs of the many. Stop this mining project and make your constituents proud of the government we elected, instead of yet again being disappointed by this governments decisions. I am fed up and disgusted.

Yours truly,
James Klassen

To whom it may concern,
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Cambria Enns

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Yours truly,
Jared Adams

Cruel. This is going to kill us all. This is not the time to do something like this, don't be a [REDACTED]. [Redacted due to offensive content]

Yours truly,
Izzy Dasilva

Our environment is not for sale, and we cannot afford yet another environmental disaster for what's left of it. We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. You may not be alive long enough to feel the repercussions that decisions like this will have, but your children, and your grandchildren will. If you choose to go ahead with projects such as this, you are putting their lives in danger.

Yours truly,
Paul Hogue

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Yours truly,
Nicholas Penner

Don't do peat mines

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A Dallmann

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Yours truly,
Caitlin Stewart

This is a completely backwards direction from getting our CO2 emissions down. There is a countdown clock on our world and if we don't act appropriately we won't have any positive future to leave behind.

Yours truly,

A considered citizen

Yours truly,
Jorge Gonzalez

The mining of peat bogs has an undeniably negative effect on global climate change, with unanimous consensus from the most educated minds in the field. Ensuring a climate disaster to enrich a few greedy individuals is not only insane, but makes people whom support it [Redacted due to offensive content] of the highest order: by actively trying to harm every other Canadian citizen with actions that none of us wants to take place.

Yours truly,
Mark Wiebe

I do not consent to peat mining, the environment needs to be protected above all else!

Yours truly,
Stacy Huen

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Matthew Thompson

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Jenny Foidart

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Yours truly,
Christine Piirik

I am a concerned citizen hoping the government will do the right thing for our province and planet by protecting our environment. I do not support the proposed peat mine for the following reasons:

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Yours truly,
Dexter Frank

Please stop trying to destroy the environment for the sake of the economy/progress. I am relatively young and will have to live on this earth, god willing, for a very long time still. Please don't destroy a much needed ecosystem.

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Yours truly,
Sara Wonnacott

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Yours truly,

Elyce Mankewich

I'm getting absolutely exhausted by all the things the government has done to Manitobans this year. I am absolutely horrified to find out we can now list an attempt another choice to prioritize profit over long term environmental stewardship.

We need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it. Do better.

Yours truly,
Jessica Hiebert

There are many issues facing government. I believe that there is no other issue as pressing and as dire as climate change. The economy will no longer be a concern if life cannot be sustained on our planet. Scientists are telling us that we are very close to the tipping point where we cannot reverse the devastating impact of global warming. I find it unbelievable and disturbing that the Manitoba government is even considering allowing further peat mining. Lifting the moratorium on peat mining was negligent. Do not allow peat mining.

Yours truly,
Mardi Baydak

I can't believe we're even discussing this but now, more than ever, is not the time to start going backwards.

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Yours truly,
Terry Toews

As a parent of young children I'm facing a difficult reality. They're still little now, but soon I need to tell them that in their lifetimes they and their children will live through unfathomable, inescapable, and

irreversible suffering. They need to be prepared for a future of food shortages, extreme weather, continent sweeping fires, rising sea levels, insect invasion, and probably global war as we fight each other for what's left of our planet.

I'm not writing to change your mind about this peat mine. I've come to accept that people like you are doing this for your own immediate-term benefit, benefit of your cronies, and benefit of the rich. You'll ignore scientists. You'll ignore environmentalists. You'll ignore parents. You'll ignore my little kids. You'll rationalize why doing this is necessary, and you'll no doubt forget this letter if you've even read it. I'm just writing to say I give up - mine that peat. Mine it all. We have all failed our future generations, some more than others.

Yours truly,
John Delisle

As a lifelong resident of Manitoba, I have always been proud to point to the unspoiled natural beauty of so much of our province. While I have only explored a small portion of what this gorgeous province has to offer, I am excited for the chance to see more over the course of my life.

Every time that one of these projects is approved, the amount of Manitoba allowed to remain unspoiled shrinks. A death by a thousand cuts is not what we should be giving our province's valuable wilderness. In this time of impending climate catastrophe, we are becoming more and more aware of just how important our green spaces, clean air, and clear water are.

To approve another peat mine at this stage is nothing more than [Redacted due to offensive content] to future generations. The carbon released by this project will add to an already untenable problem. If we - as Manitobans - want to prove ourselves worthy to steward our corner of the world, we need to act in the best interests of the majority - not just the shareholders of Sun Gro.

Do not allow this peat mining proposal to move forward, renew the moratorium on peat mining, and create a comprehensive plan to assist Manitoba in forging a more carbon-conscious future.

Yours truly,
Jackson Miller

Peat mining is terrible for the environment and climate change is the biggest crisis facing the world right now. Peat bogs sequestered enormous amount of carbon which is released when mining operations are allowed.

Allowing more peat mining in Manitoba would be reckless, irresponsible, and indefensible. Economic growth and new ventures need to be pursued in a sustainable way.

I do not support the proposal by Sun Gro Horticulture, and I'm asking you to reject it.

Yours truly,
Anlina Sheng

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We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted. Please reconsider this action and renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba.

Yours truly,
Ellen Bees

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the new peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog, filed by Sun Gro Horticulture.

Peat bogs are critical for our climate. Covering only three per cent of Earth's land surface, they store 30 per cent of its carbon. Draining them releases vast stores of carbon, increasing carbon emissions that create climate change while destroying an irreplaceable element of our global climate defense system. Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) released a government-commissioned report in 2015 stating there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining. Therefore such projects cannot be allowed to proceed, for the sake of our children and future generations.

Yours truly,
Kris Clemens

I am concerned about the peat strip mine proposal filed by sun gro horticulture. I am against the negative environmental consequences that peat mining would incur. Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) released a government commissioned report in 2015 that states there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits.

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Yours truly,
Annick Beauchesne

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Yours truly,
Geoffrey Enns

I do not agree with the mining of peat moss in Manitoba.

Yours truly,
Krystle McDougall

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Yours truly,
Druanne Naayen

Climate change is real. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on earth and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon.
Please for the future of our children and planet renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba.
We are in a climate emergency !!!!

Yours truly,
Donna Kingdon

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed peat mine at Evergreen Bog and any further peat mine development in Manitoba. The creation of this proposed mine is shortsighted and given the current climate, should not even be on the table. As we move forward, I think we, as Manitobans can be more creative in our development strategy and work towards creating a green economy.

Yours truly,
Colin McInnes

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Yours truly,
Madelaine Dwyer

I object to the opening of new mines projects in manitoba without the proper oversight. Please close loopholes allowing them to circumvent our environmental laws.

Yours truly,
Joey Johansson

No! We do not want this.

Yours truly,
Micaela Mayhew

I am writing to express my disappointment concerning the Province's consideration of a recent peat mine proposal. I am in complete disagreement with this practice, as it is exactly the opposite direction we should be heading in terms of climate action and adaptation.

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We need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it. We need to move in the direction of carbon neutrality and carbon capture, not the destruction of more of our natural environment and release of carbon.

Yours truly,
Rhea Rocque

I strongly oppose the destruction of this peat bog; they are vital to the health of the environment, and therefore the health of people. Please do not approve this project. My generations future depends on it

Yours truly,
Kylie Melcosky

Please stop any future peat mining as it is hazardous to the environments climate defence system. It helps prevent carbon from releasing into the air.

Yours truly,

Stefanie Suschenko

My name is Aro Colli, I am a biological sciences student specializing in ecological studies at the university of Manitoba. I may not be an expert until I graduate next summer, but you really don't need to be an expert to know that peat mining is a mistake. Climate change is not just an issue, it is THE issue, and peat bogs are one of the most important kinds of carbon sinks that we have in Manitoba. The effects of climate change will be catastrophic not just for Manitobans but for all. Even [REDACTED] you won't be immune to food shortages, pandemics with increasing frequency and severity, war, and ecological collapse. Climate change will end the world as we know it and you have a duty as an elected official to do everything that you can to protect us from it. And yes, that does mean sometimes [REDACTED]. [Redacted due to offensive content]

Protect ecology. Protect the land. Your claim on this natural resource is [REDACTED] anyway. It's not yours to destroy and neither is our future.

Some additional points:

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Yours truly,
Aro colli

I am a Manitoba educator who spends her days helping shape the future citizens of our society. I raise my own children as well to be mindful, value-oriented human beings who stand up for what is right. I want to be able to tell the young people I teach and raise that I fought hard against those who were ok with leaving them a world in shambles. The science behind climate change is not an argument, it is science. Eventually, climate change will hit politicians right where it hurts, the economy. Start planning now with a long-term view and mindset so that we can tell our young people that we did what we could to try to make a sustainable future, to reverse the effects of climate change. We must not mine the peat bogs!!! We must allow these green spaces to continue to store the carbon they already store, and we must also add new green spaces. It is the most cost effective way to combat climate change.

Yours truly,
Meghann Turner

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Yours truly,
Tyler Woll

My name is Gabrielle Cochingco, a local resident here in Winnipeg. I am writing to express my thoughts on the new peat mine proposal by Sun Gro Horticulture. I am of the belief that our peat bogs provide great environmental value as is and should not be mined. The proposed project will increase Manitoba's CO2 emissions by 1.5% which is a greatly significant amount for a single private project. That's also not accounting for the loss of peatland area that is available to absorb CO2 from the atmosphere. I am asking you to consider my public opinion on the matter and to please chose to not accept this mining proposal.

Yours truly,
Gabrielle Cochingco

We need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it. We are in a climate emergency and cannot afford the release of vast stores of carbon in which there is no way to mitigate, as stated by Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). The profits are not worth it, peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystems on earth.

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Yours truly,
Samantha Campbell-Mymko

I am very concerned with the strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog that has been filed by Sun Gro Horticulture due to the bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth and we are fortunate to have them in our ecosystem in Manitoba. I do not endorse or support opening new peat strip mine in Manitoba, once the bog is drained it immediately releases vast stores of carbon. We are already in a vulnerable environmental state let us not make the situation worse than it is. I say NO to this proposal.

Yours truly,
Susan Klein

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Yours truly,
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Yours truly,
Stefan Ozog

This is not good for the average citizen, this will hurt us horribly in both the short term and long term. PLEASE do not go forward with this proposal.

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Yours truly,
Luke Lorentz

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Yours truly,
Tim Hogue

Peat mining is looting our collective climate defense system for the profit of the few. Mr. Pallister, have you not caused enough harm to the people you supposedly care about?

Yours truly,
Dano Tsouras

30% of the world's carbon is stored in peat bogs, which make up only 3% of the land area. They release literal metric tons of greenhouse gases. We know that greenhouse gas emissions are threatening to irreversibly damage our ecosystems, and are already causing countless species to decline and go extinct. Therefore, to build more of these mines is a utter folly. We are stealing the future from our next generations. We need to take real action to stop this.

We are in a climate emergency, and still the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is actually required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted.

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Yours truly,
Dennis Reimer

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Please say NO to this climate catastrophe!

Yours truly,
Laura Cameron

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I understand that [REDACTED], but this is something that will have a negative impact on more than just manitoba.

[REDACTED]. [Redacted due to offensive content]

Yours truly,
Damian Teichmann

I want to express my strong opposition to the opening of another peat mine in Manitoba. The science is there, ignoring it to benefit greedy for-profit companies is shameful. The moratorium needs to be renewed!!

Yours truly,
Kelly Crampton

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Yours truly,

Lisa Dietrich

Please don't. I beg you, please. As someone who studied sciences and business at both ends the undergraduate and graduate level, the amount of money this project creates is not worth the environmental impacts.

Please....

Yours truly,
David Klein

I have recently become aware of the new peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog, which has been filed by Sun Gro Horticulture, for which the government is accepting public comment (File #628.10) until Dec. 5.

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We are in a climate emergency, yet our government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are all but non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted or feasible.

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Climate aside, the potential damage to the natural environment is unknown. Although I have seen the proposal and its analysis, history has shown us that it is unwise to allow companies and corporations to self regulate and run their own environmental impact studies.

Finally, I find it unacceptable that a project so potentially damaging to our climate ecosystem is being pushed through during a time when our populace's attention is occupied by the ongoing Covid-19 crisis. This proposal deserves more attention and oversight than it is able to receive right now.

Yours truly,
Matias Gervai

To Mr Brian Pallister,

I wanted to address my concerns about your approval of a peat mining operation that you approved for Manitoba. In a world which we live in today global warming is evidently the biggest issue we are facing. As a member of the up and coming generation I am beyond worried about the numerous health risks that this peat mine brings to me and my fellow Manitobans.

1) peat mining is looting our collective climate defense system for the profit of the few (that being you and the investors of this group trying to mine here).

2) Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon which destroys our o-zone layer in the atmosphere and reduces the amount of oxygen left in nature.

I beg you to reconsider your decision to approve such a devastating operation that will destroy the future for the rest of us while killing the very life that exists on this planet. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sacha Liley

Peat bogs are an essential part of the ecosystem. They must be preserved.

Yours truly,
Kathleen Bell

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Yours truly,
Liz Picton

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Yours truly,
Erin Jones

Leave our peat bogs alone. Maybe spend your time fixing our health care and schools, rather than stripping the earth for future generations and setting up big business to reap the benefits at the expense of our children and the earth.

Yours truly,
Stephanie MacKenzie

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Yours truly,
Allan Dunkeld

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Yours truly,
Dylan Noga

I was very upset to hear about the new peat strip mine proposal. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted.

As we haven't enacted that climate regulation, we MUST renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it - Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) released a government commissioned report in 2015 that states there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits.

We must think of future generations. My students deserve a safe future. Peat mining is looting our collective climate defense system for the profit of the few.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,
Julia Schroeder

The time to deal with climate change is now. Mining peatmoss is detrimental to our planet, our province and our residents. This goes against the Paris Agreement, which Canada has signed on to support. Why now? During a pandemic, sliding this through. Shameful.

Yours truly,

Sarah Struss

Not sure if this will even make a difference but anyone with any sort of common sense can understand the problems that peat mining can lead to. Canada is one of the most beautiful places on the planet and with the drastic reduction of natural resources on a global scale, altering at this point seems like a bold move in the wrong direction.

Again, I'm sure this won't change anything but it's nice to hope!

Yours truly,
Scott Rose

I was troubled to hear of the proposal for a new peat strip mine for the Evergreen Bog. Peat bogs play an important role in storing carbon that would otherwise be released into the atmosphere. Considering the already precarious state of the environment (and Manitoba's inaction on the ongoing climate emergency), approving this new mine would be incredibly short-sighted and ill-advised.

Please do not approve the proposal for a new peat strip mine for the Evergreen Bog.

Yours truly,
Sarah Brannan

I am concerned a new peat mine is being considered in Manitoba and ask the government to reinstate the expired moratorium. In a climate emergency there is no room for a practice such as this which would release carbon at a time when we so desperately need to sequester it. Your actions today have the potential to save lives by helping to limit the impact of the climate emergency in the future.

Sincerely,
Derek Yarnell

It has recently come to my attention that a new peat strip mine has been proposed for development in the Evergreen Bog.

Based on the government's own information (Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) 2015 report) there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, which is immediately released when a peat bog is drained.

Although we are currently experiencing a pandemic, we are also in a worldwide climate emergency. As a lifelong Manitoban who would like to continue both living here and also living in general, I call on the government to act immediately to address greenhouse gas emissions regulations, because under effective regulations, peat mining would never be allowed.

Please do not allow Sun Gro Horticulture to proceed with the strip mine proposed under File #628.10. I respectfully request that you respond to my letter, and address my concerns.

Yours truly,
Carole Marshall

We are in a climate emergency. Peat mining is looting our collective climate defences system for the profit of a few. Do not allow this to happen.

Yours truly,
Michelle Gaber

Please do not mine peat in our Manitoban landscape. We have so many more options available to us for making money sustainably on the land, and for agricultural materials. As a gardener and hiker I can't let

you make this decision without knowing how disappointing it is, how unappreciative of the place we live in. Please for the sake of our future, reinstate the peat mine moratorium.

Yours truly,
Veronica Warkentin

"To the Honourable Mr. Eichler,

Mr. Eichler, I am emailing you today regarding your government's proposal to work with Sun Gro Horticulture Canada Ltd. to place strip mines in the Evergreen Bog. As you probably know, Evergreen Bog is home to invaluable peatland. Manitoba was very fortunate to have had a moratorium placed on new peat licenses (until 2015), as well as banning peat mining in our provincial parks. However, this moratorium has not been renewed.

Mr. Eichler, I am writing to you to urge you to push back against this. While I understand that Mr. Pallister is one of your fellow party members, I must insist that this is not a partisan issue. As a young Métis hunter, I appreciate the abundance of wildlife and nature that our province holds; I understand that myself and my Indigenous kin work hard to protect the land which raised us. And while I do understand the financial incentive to implement these mines, I feel that this will be a grave mistake. As I'm sure you know, peatland (and other forms of bog) are extremely efficient carbon sponges -- storing 30% of the world's CO2. By clearing this land, you would only release the immense amount of carbon stored within. In fact, Manitoba's IISD reports that there is next-to-no efficient way to offset the carbon release from peatland removal.

Mr. Eichler, I urge you for the sake of my generation and those that follow to push back. While implementing these mines may help Manitobans in the short-term, you will only be harming us in the long-term. I strongly suggest that you work to protect the beautiful province which has raised us. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Riley Allard

I am horrified by the thought that a crucial part of Manitoba's delicate ecosystem would be destroyed for a peat mine, and urge you to do everything in your power to stop this process, now! Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. Peat mining on the other hand, is an absolute crime against nature, it loots our collective climate defence system for monetary profit. Destroying peat bogs cannot be undone, they are uniquely complicated environments that can never be replicated or replanted. I implore you to consider the future of our beautiful province for many generations to come, and how this senseless act of ecological plunder will negatively effect Manitoban's for generations to come.

We are in an absolute climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted.

Yours truly,

Emily Stricker

We need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it. Please reject the new peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog whichh which been filed by Sun Gro Horticulture (File #628.10).

Yours truly,
Angela O'Brien-Klewchuk

We are in a climate emergency [REDACTED]! *[Redacted due to offensive content]* Think about your children and grandchildren! What world would you like to leave them? Keep the carbon in the ground.

Yours truly,
Maria Epp

So anyone who wants to see a green healthy, sustainable proper future. It should be you if you're already minister of conservation; have you lost your original love for the earth surrounding us, Please hear us, We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted. It's not a sustainable or natural way to rebuild our environment, there is a declared climate emergency and I will be truly embarrassed as a Canadian if we can't use our voices to save it, I want to raise kids and show them nature- not a sad dystopian dysfunctional reality that we are quickly approaching.

Yours truly,
Juliana Medeiros, resident of Winnipeg, MB.

Please do not approve the request of Sun Gro Horticulture for the proposed Evergreen Bog peat mine. We are currently in a climate crisis and to mine peat (which is a huge carbon storage ecosystem) would be not only extremely counterintuitive but also dangerous.

Yours truly,
Angie Woodbury

Peat bogs must remain. You cannot take away a vital source of our filtration system.

Yours truly,
Brittany Guarino

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Yours truly,
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We as humans need to start respecting the planet we live on instead of robbing it of resources for a profit. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. Climate change poses a threat to all life on earth and should not be ignored.

Yours truly,
Krystal Miller

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Yours truly,
Peggy Kasuba

Peat mining is looting our collective climate defense system for the profit of the few. As a Horticulturist who studied Prairie Horticulture at U of MB I can appreciate that peat mining for horticulture clearly has its uses. As an entrepreneur I can surely appreciate how lucrative it could be to engage in peat mining. But as a steward of the environment I feel we are obligated to find another way. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. The benefits to agriculture and horticulture from the use of peat in soils does not outweigh such a massive consequence. We need to research better ways to improve soil moisture retention for water conservation. We need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it. We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted. Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) released a government commissioned report in 2015 that states there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits. Please halt further peat mining in our province and put resources towards finding another way for industry to achieve its goals in a more sustainable way for the environment and our children.

Yours truly,
Aurora Westdyk

I don't know why you people think this is a good idea because this whole year literally showed everyone the effects of environmental damage and industrialism.

Yours truly,
John Millar

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Yours truly,
Rachelle Loewen

Our world is in crisis and I worry that approving a new peat mine is greatly irresponsible. We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted. Please, do your part as our leaders and take action to protect our precious ecosystem for future generations . I alone do not have the power to do this, but YOU do.

Yours truly,
Holly Klann

I am writing regarding the new peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog in Manitoba (filed by Sun Gro Horticulture). This is an unacceptable undertaking in light of how critically important peat bogs are in their role as a natural carbon sink. Peat mining is looting our collective climate defense system for the profit of the few. Draining peat bogs has the effect of quickly releasing vast stores of carbon. We need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it.

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Igor Puzhevich

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Riley Fache

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Yours truly,
Maria-Christina Aiello

Our natural and wild ecosystem is our greatest asset and it needs to be maintained. Do not start mining!
We need to protect the peat bogs.

Yours truly,

Raxhl Clark

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Yours truly,
Jon Makar

NO PEAT MINES

Yours truly,
Zoe LeBrun

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Sincerely,
Someone who wants a future on this planet

Yours truly,
Chloe Roberts

Here in Hadashville Manitoba along the Whitemouth River we are experiencing unprecedented flooding both springtime and after heavy rain. The new peat leases are exacerbating the effect of climate change. We need to learn from the European experience and stop this shortsightedness. The Pallister government has shown they are only interested in a quick buck for their wealthy donors. There is no study of the flooding and no monitoring of the outflows for mined area.

Yours truly,
Brent Bjorklund

We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are not only non-existent, but things that will actively hurt the environment and cause a massive spike in greenhouse gas emissions, such as peat mines, are being considered? The moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba should be renewed, it was negligent to lift it. Furthermore actual effort should be made to substantially reduce Manitoba's greenhouse gas emissions going forward.

Yours truly,
Cody Monkman

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Yours truly,
Alexis Burt

It is time for us to begin taking a long term view of how things impact our environment, our climate and our country and stop development that has short term benefits for a few corporations and rich individuals.

Strip mining of peat is devastating to the environment and there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release that it causes.

As my government representatives, it is your responsibility to do what is right for the future. This peat mine development has no long term benefit and should not be approved.

Yours truly,
Stephen Crockett

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Yours truly,
Garry Christoff

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Yours truly,
Delores Christoff

We had a moratorium on peat mines in Manitoba. The facts and science behind it have not changed and never will. Hence, we need a new moratorium – without an expiration date. If the government enacted greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would not be permitted at all. After all, peat bogs are very rich in carbon and mining them would release all that carbon.

Already, we are in a climate emergency. It is time to acknowledge that – and act accordingly. Already my children have calculated that they might not even live to reach retirement age – due to climate conditions. That is scary!

Yours truly,
Ulrike Schreckenbach

We need to renew the moratorium on new peat moss mines in Manitoba. Peat mining is looting our collective climate defence system.

Yours truly,
Bella Ben-Ari

We are opposed to the proposal by Sun Gro Horticulture to develop a peat strip mine in the Evergreen Bog.

The protection of peat bogs is critical to the development of an effective climate change strategy. While peat bogs cover only three per cent of the Earth's land surface they store 30 percent of its carbon. We believe that it is essential for the Provincial Government to renew the moratorium on the development of new peat mines in Manitoba. In our opinion it was negligent to have lifted it. We are in a climate emergency and it is well past time for the government to develop and enforce effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations.

Sincerely,
Robert and Diane Haglund

The most important factors to consider with this development will be the release of carbon into the atmosphere and the reduced capacity to store and filter/clean our precious fresh water. With global warming, we see major melting of both polar ice caps and mountain glaciers around the world. Already, there is clear scientific evidence of the impacts of global warming on the habitat of species such as polar bears and penguins to name a few.

Europe as well as the UK are moving towards increasing sales of electric vehicles and moving forward deadlines on the sale of new polluting vehicles from 2040 to 2035. It was clearly demonstrated that coal was terrible for the environment and so it is now a thing of the past, at least in Canada. There are large electricity generating operations from wind farms in southern Manitoba as well as near Sault St. Marie Ontario as well as from massive solar farms all over the world. All these measures to reduce carbon output from Canada and around the world is no coincidence.

There is absolutely no doubt we are in a climate emergency, yet the action to allow more peat mining at this time almost appears the government is denying the existence of climate change. Peat mining is bad for the climate and should not be permitted period, but the least we can do is implement a permanent moratorium on new peat mines.

All I ask is that the peat bogs be left where they are, because the polar bears and penguins need them to stay there. The writing is on the wall regarding greenhouse gases, therefore peat mining, just like coal mining needs to come to an end.

Thank you.

Yours truly,
Chris Higgs

Please do not disrupt/destroy the Evergreen Bog.

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Yours truly,
Melissa Robinson

We are facing a similar problem in Saskatchewan and we have to collectively agree as a society that peat mining will have a disastrous outcome for all wildlife and people. This is all brought on by pure greed and has no consideration to how it will affect future generations

Yours truly,
Kayla Forest

Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon.

Yours truly,
Kimbaya Carriere

Keep peat lands as they are. No mining. None. Climate change is dangerously affecting Canada and Canada's people's lives now. We don't need further exposure of carbon release for an unnecessary product for gardeners. There are other materials they can use that re renewable. Peat is not...non of us will live 200 years to se the miniscule replacement even if companies could approximate the return of water courses and soil conditon. Which they can't. Plus all the mycilium, plants and critters needed for growth of the peat will have been destroyed. People also depend of these lands fro sacred sites to food sources to spiritual to asthetics to eco resources. Leave it alone.

Yours truly,
dee Bird

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Yours truly,
Britta Neumann

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John Hasenack

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Yours truly,
gabrielle simard-nadeau

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Yours truly,
Sabrina Deforest

You must stop the mining of Peat Bogs in Manitoba immediately!

Who in their right mind would have lifted the moratorium on peat mining in Manitoba ??? A greedy narrow minded governmental just being neglectful and uninformed

Tracy Tyefisher

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Yours truly,
claudia Gonzalez larenas

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Yours truly,
Emma Spencler

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Yours truly,
Lisa Robson

I implore you to think of the future, and not just what profits are in the here and now. With people in Manitoba sick and tired of the status quo, I do not think it is wise to move forward with this. It is especially disheartening you are using the cover of COVID to get this done. Showing your true colours of business before the people. You are not a voice for the people, all you care about are your own interests

Yours truly,
Joseph Westfall

I would like to request the proposed peat mine at Evergreen Bog not go ahead. Peat mining will undermine Manitoba's efforts to curb carbon emissions, which are already falling short. Peat bogs are an incredibly carbon rich ecosystem. This means that mining these rare and important ecosystems begins the rapid release of this immense amount of carbon, putting the environment at large at an increased risk for the profit of a few. This is unacceptable, as the consequences would be unsustainable. We need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba, as it was irresponsible and negligent to have lifted it in the first place.

Yours truly,
Jensen Glover

Allowing peat mining does not seem to be a wise action.
It was banned once so why is it a good idea now?

Yours truly,
Keith Vidal

Please no peat mines in Manitoba!

Yours truly,
Matthew Hawn

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to the proposed Sun Gro Horticulture Evergreen Bog peat mine project.

The science is clear that peat bogs act as a carbon sink and are capable of capturing and sequestering carbon at a rate that is unparalleled in a terrestrial context.

Any project that seeks to disturb, extract or drain the Evergreen Bog is a disaster waiting to happen. We as a province have already done an atrocious job of maintaining natural ecosystems and the biological processes that occur within those ecosystems, this project cannot be allowed to go forward and the moratorium on new peat mines should have been extended in 2015. We need that moratorium now more than ever.

There is no trading off for developing this peat mine. Sun Gro cannot possibly reduce their carbon emissions enough to offset the emissions they are guaranteed to produce by disturbing and draining the bog, even if they could, there is no incentive for them to do so. The Evergreen Bog is something that will continue to sequester carbon long after any proposed mine would be able to operate for and there is no replacing that natural process. Carbon Credits are a short sighted and temporary solution.

It is in the public interest of Manitobans to keep the Evergreen Bog untouched and allow this natural system to continue to do priceless work in sequestering carbon. Peatlands store twice as much carbon as ALL of the worlds forests. Think about that astronomical number when considering this decision.

<https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/story/peatlands-store-twice-much-carbon-all-worlds-forests>

Please put a stop to this project, for the good of Manitobans present and future.

Yours truly,
Benjamin Linnick

I am against any new peat mining.

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Please deny the Evergreen Big peat mining application.

Yours truly,
Sarah Leeson-Klym

I see absolutely no reason to even mine and sell this product. We can do without it on the shelves. Save the environment and our planet. This is only for profit regardless of the complete negative impacts. Completely irresponsible!!

Yours truly,
Kerry Lynch

In this climate crisis the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitting. Peat bogs are critically important as they are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. Not only that, but previous mining has destroyed traditional use along with environmental impacts.

In this global climate crisis, we have an opportunity to combat our impacts that it's simply leaving the peat bogs alone.

Yours truly,
Raquel Saniuk

Please don't put financial profit before the health of Manitoba, or Canada, or the Earth. It's all we've got! I understand job creation is important, but there are limits to resource extraction that reach the point of diminished returns. Harvesting our peat bogs is one such limiting diminishing return. We need to save our peat bogs, for many reasons, not just the climate-related ones. The great diversity of flora and fauna in Manitoba's wilderness is just as important. We don't see the wild animals, but they are there, and they need wild lands and forests.

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As soon as you drain the water in a peat bog it begins spewing out carbon at a rate unlike anything other than burning fossil fuels.

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Thank you

Yours truly,
Gilbert Carriere

Is it really possible that my government is considering the proposal of a new peat mine in Manitoba? Peat bogs are one of the most crucial wetlands! They serve as a brilliant carbon sink, which is precisely what we need, with climate change ahead. They take thousands of years of plant decay to form. It's just not worth disturbing this slow forming savior. You should be looking into how to encourage peat bogs, not allowing those that exist to be destroyed. And for what? Really? For a company to earn even more money for themselves by selling an unnecessary product to uneducated gardeners? I am a gardener. I have been for 34 years. Not once have I needed peat.

IT IS JUST NOT WORTH IT!

Please do not accept this proposal. Please leave Evergreen Bog ... ever...green...bog. Then be very proud of yourselves for having taken such a position, in the face of climate change!

Yours truly,
Tanya Cheal

I am writing to voice my objection to the proposed peat mine by Sun Gro Horticulture in the Evergreen bog. Peat mining is hazardous to climate mitigation and releases stored carbon into our atmosphere. We are at a precipice and can not afford to move backward in our fight against climate change. We need to reduce our carbon emissions now if we want to meet the Paris Agreement targets of less than 2 C global warming.

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I appreciate your time, thank you.

Yours truly,
Jackie Graham

I am a concerned Manitoban who lives in deep fear of climate change - it's obvious to everyone that our winters and summers are getting stranger, that snow will fall too early and send great boughs of trees crashing down, or early and late frosts will kill gardens. It's beyond obvious to everyone that climate change is a vital issue of our day, perhaps even an existential crisis. Peat bogs are and remain one of nature's most effective means of containing carbon, alongside forests. For temporary economic benefit, a peat bog would destroy the environment and promote the effects of climate change. Anyone with a conscience should oppose this.

Yours truly,
Jared Fleming

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I appreciated your time, thank you for reading.

Yours truly,
Hailey Graham

The mine proposal for the Evergreen bog should be denied, as the peat bogs serve as important reservoirs for capturing Carbon .

Releasing the carbon into the atmosphere via the mining process would have detrimental climate effects. As is, global carbon emissions should be reduced by 7.6 per cent each year in the decade to meet the 1.5C target of the Paris agreement. This is already a difficult goal to achieve in an industrial world, and it is the duty of our government to do what they can to contribute to the attainment of those goals. Allowing for the mining of these areas while understanding its impact on the global climate crisis would be an act of ignorance and injustice for all.

Yours truly,
Jade Melo

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enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted. Please do not do this. The people are saying no!

Yours truly,
Jaymee Bourke

The ideas behind the previous moratorium on new peat mines continue to be important today, and the moratorium must be extended indefinitely.

As Manitobans, we have a chance to lead in the 'New Normal' and our Green Recovery. Valuing our peat bogs for the carbon sequestration they provide should be part of our leadership.

Buying carbon credits to offset intentional environmental damage is a lazy, corporate-friendly way to pacify objectors. It is NOT the solution.

Peat bogs make up 3% of our land surface, yet they store 30% of our carbon.

Damage to this valuable eco-system is not Resource Development. It is Resource Destruction.

The valued resource is not what we can extract, it is the bog itself. This simple shift in how we see our beautiful province and what it has to offer can propel us forward, and will build a strong recovery that considers impacts on future generations.

Yours truly,
Adrian Valentin

Dear Lisa Naylor, MLA for Wolseley,

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Yours truly,
Elsie Rempel

Peat mining releases carbon into the environment at an astounding rate... please reconsider allowing this form of mining to go on..

Yours truly,

Doreen Draffin

I'd like to question the motivation behind wanting to develop a new peat strip mine? I'd like to question why once again our government is ignoring climate change and what's truly best for Manitobans in order to make a dollar? I'm absolutely appalled by the utter lack of action towards developing sustainable and environmentally friendly income streams and the governments continued reliance on outdated practices that strip Manitoba of it's natural beauty and resources.

Let me point out some of the facts regarding peat mines and climate change. And let's keep in mind when we talk about climate change we aren't just talking about the impact peat mining will have on the climate in Manitoba. The effects will be global and will disproportionately impact those individuals living in lower socioeconomic statuses than yourselves. It already is. Are you so comfortable living your life that you don't feel the effects of climate change yet? Are you willing to ignore the facts any longer? Let's start with the fact that peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystems on earth. Covering only 3% of the earth's surface yet storing 30% of the carbon. When peat bogs are drained those vast carbon stores are released at a rate that far surpasses that of burning fossil fuels. The argument that Manitoba possesses a large number of peat bogs so mining only a small portion isn't harmful ignores the fact that every single one of these incredibly important ecosystems plays a role in fighting off climate change. We need everything working in our favor to combat climate change. Stripping the planet of it's natural sponges that work to clarify everything around them, including the air and the water two of our major life giving systems, is incredibly harmful.

Next, peat moss is far from a renewable resource. It takes one whole year for the accumulation of roughly 1 millimeter of peat moss to naturally form. Although there are ways to "reclaim" mined out peat bogs they are never truly the same. Reclaimed bogs tend towards monoculture and many of the native plants never return. The carbon they stored has been released and the effects on the surrounding ecosystems can never be undone. From the change in the surrounding water table levels and natural run off to habitat loss and a number of other issues. Not to mention the diverse information that the peat moss contains about our past that can never be recovered once it's stripped away.

At this time I don't think it wise to deny that we are facing a climate emergency. However, the government apparently still has no interest in holding corporations accountable for their negligence towards the earth and mandating that they reduce their emissions and overall environmental impact. At this time the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are literally non-existent. Corporations are not being asked to keep their emissions within any form of acceptable levels. If this were the case peat mining would simply not be permitted. Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) released a government commissioned report in 2015 that states there is NO way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits. Peat mining is incredibly harmful and there is no getting around the fact that allowing it to happen is pure negligence on the part of the Manitoba government. The moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba never should have been lifted and should be put back into place immediately.

I am calling on you to listen to the facts, not the dollar signs and do what is best for everyone!

Yours truly,
Adeline Savy

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Yours truly,

Peter Lab

I am writing to you regarding the new peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog filed by Sun Gro Horticulture. As you may already know, peat bogs are absolutely critical for the climate, as they store 30 per cent of the carbon in our atmosphere while only occupying three per cent of the Earth's land surface. This makes them an irreplaceable part of our climate defence system and an essential part of our response to the current climate crisis.

To allow this proposal to move forward would be nothing short of committing suicide in the near future, given our precarious situation. WE MUST STOP THE WAR ON CLIMATE NOW. We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted.

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Let me repeat, there is no more time and no more room for error or compromise when it comes to the environment, you and I both know it, as does the next generation. Our parents get to die of old age, but you and I, and certainly the next generation, may very well not at the rate of current destruction of our natural world. Please, don't let us die a death of climate change. Make the right decision.

Yours truly,

Manon Roy

I urge you to renew the moratorium on peat mines in Manitoba. They are some of the most carbon rich eco systems we have. We need them to retain water, and we desperately need to keep carbon

sequestered in the earth to avert climate change. There is no way to mitigate the carbon released from peat mining. Please, take climate change seriously, and renew the moratorium on peat mines.

Yours truly,
Jeffrey Thiessen

Manitoba contains 30% of the world's peat resources, its our responsibility to protect it and you are being negligent in putting it in danger. We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted.

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DO BETTER. WE NEED YOU TO DO BETTER.

Yours truly,
Lena Andres

Please carefully consider limiting or prohibiting peat mining in the province of Manitoba.

Peat is an incredible carbon sink, a way to keep carbon in the ground and not in our atmosphere, contributing to global warming. Once it is removed, it can never be put back in the soil again.

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Yours truly,
Claire Woodbury

STOP THE EVERGREEN BOG MINE

Yours truly,
Bailey Rhule

I saw this peat strip mine proposal through Wildernewsmb on Instagram. I am very thankful that my friend re-posted their social media post. This proposal is upsetting to hear because citizens are trying their best to reduce their carbon footprint and try to reverse the damage done to our atmosphere. Yet, we still have short-term profit proposals like this. Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable

Development (IISD) released a government commissioned report in 2015 that states there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits. We need to focus as a collective on the long-term protection of our climate defense system. It would be best to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it.

Yours truly,
Ravneet Brar

Peat bogs are critical for the climate. Covering only three per cent of Earth's land surface, they store 30 per cent of the carbon. Peat bogs are an irreplaceable part of our climate defense system. As soon as you drain the water in a peat bog it begins spewing out carbon at a rate unlike anything other than burning fossil fuels.

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Yours truly,
Brendan Gray

Do not ignore the climate emergency!
Renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It should never have been lifted.
The government needs to enact effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations!
STOP the looting of our collective climate defense system. Peat mining is releasing vast amounts of carbon stores into the atmosphere, the atmosphere is in carbon overload, this is warming our planet at an alarming rate.
the carbon emitted from the past is now contributing to the changes we are experiencing in our climate today, the carbon emissions currently releasing will determine the future of our children and grandchildren and the planet they inherit.
If we STOP peat mining, we can help to preserve the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth.

Yours truly,
Dana Fryza

Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon!!! Seriously don't do this to our environment there are huge repercussions.

Yours truly,
Kate Knight

I strongly discourage you from making the mistake of making peat mines due to its harmful effects on the environment.

Yours truly,
tyler ward

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Yours truly,
Amelia Deitzer-Dicks

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Yours truly,
Neko Goertzen

I oppose peat mining due to the severe environmental damage that follows, and I implore the provincial government to allocate greater funding to combating climate change.

Yours truly,
Sam Lamont

I am writing in opposition to the proposal for a new peat strip mine in Manitoba. Peat mining destroys the carbon-rich ecosystems in the bog, releasing huge amounts of carbon into the atmosphere. In the midst of our current climate emergency to deliberately undertake such a project is irresponsible, negligent, and incredibly selfish.

Please keep this carbon in the ground. Invest money in large scale composting projects instead to provide an alternative to peat for use in the horticulture industry. Let's creatively and positively manage the waste we are already creating rather than irrevocably damaging more of our fragile environment and worsening the climate crisis.

Copies of this letter will go to the Environmental Approvals Branch as well as to our elected officials in Manitoba. Some of you must have children, and grandchildren. For their sake, stop this proposal. You must choose to speak up for what is right in spite of the lamentable lack of political will and regulations in our province to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Devote whatever power you have to slowing down the catastrophe our world and our children are facing.

Thank you.

Yours truly,
Margaret Brook

Please do what is best for future generations and recognize peat bogs are essential to avoid climate change. Do not allow further mining in peat bogs.

Yours truly,
Nyree Bridgman

Please deny the proposal for a new peat strip mine in the Evergreen Bog and reinstate the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. We are at a critical point in human history and in the geo-biological history of the planet. The balance of the global climate is tipping rapidly. Peat mining is an activity that represents the far opposite direction of where we need to go in our relationship with the Earth. The damage to our planet's atmosphere from any peat mining project you approve now is unlikely to ever be undone and it will incrementally impoverish the future of future generations, throughout the world.

Thank you for your attention

Yours truly,
Ann Tigchelar

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Yours truly,
Michelle Hunter

It's December here in MB and there's still hardly any snow on the ground and it's 0°C when I'm writing this Dec 5, clearly some kind of warming is going on globally--although I'm sure we'd all like to believe the pandemic helped slow that down. Right now is the time to preserve what we have of our Beautiful natural air filter of the earth crust. And really rethink the ethical reasoning behind approving such developments. Thank you for taking your time to read this.

Best Regards,
Nikita Puzhevich

I'm 37 and spent a year on a tiny peat bog when I was 19. They are really cool, unique ecosystems and Manitoba should not be destroying such an important carbon reservoir. I have 2 young children and I am worried and sad all the time about the climate emergency they will come of age in. Can we please do what we can to give them a chance? Please do not allow more peat mining here. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Sarah Cummings

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Yours truly,
Chanelle Lagasse

Please do not go forward with this proposal for a new peat strip mine.

Peat bogs are critical for the climate. Covering only three per cent of Earth's land surface, they store 30 per cent of the carbon. Peat bogs are an irreplaceable part of our climate defense system.

As soon as you drain the water in a peat bog it begins spewing out carbon at a rate unlike anything other than burning fossil fuels. Centuries-worth of carbon will be released into the atmosphere, contributing to global warming. And the bog will no longer be there to capture carbon in the future.

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It makes no sense to continue pursuing projects such as these. The time to act on our climate crisis is now.

We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. Frankly, that's disgusting. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted.

Yours truly,
Jennifer Clark

I am writing this letter today because it has been brought to my attention that a peat mine has been proposed in the Evergreen bog here in Manitoba.

The science behind this proves that this is an environmental disaster. This mine will not only destroy a natural store and collector of carbon, but will release all the carbon it holds. This proposal does nothing for us, as move towards a better future. The consequences for the generations after us is immoral and irresponsible.

Science has explained to us what peat bogs do for us as a carbon collector and the devastating effects of what mining them does. For the sake of our province and our responsibilities to our planet, which we exist and share with humans, animals and living creature within our biosphere, you must reconsider the proposal from Sun Gro Horticulture and refuse to sacrifice nature for profit. We have a responsibility to renew the moratorium on new Peat mining in our province and set in place regulations for greenhouse gas emissions for companies to follow so we won't have to have this conversation again.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours truly,
Paul Trevenen

Have you heard about peat mines? Holy smokes!! What a beautiful and efficient carbon storage peat is - 30% of carbon BUT only covers 3% of the earth. And some of that is in Manitoba!!

So what are is Manitoba doing to protect it?

Manitoba actually doing the opposite.

As you know, it is preparing to mine it.

This action, peat mining is looting our collective climate defense system for the profit of the few, after all, peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon.

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PLEASE use your power to stop peat mining in Manitoba. Channel your energy into renewing the moratorium on peat mines.

Thank you in advance. Assuming of course you do the right thing here.

Yours truly,
Laura Tyler

I am very concerned about the proposed peat mine in the Evergreen Bog. Draining peat bogs releases vast quantities of carbon. We find ourselves in a climate emergency. Now is the time to stand up and say no to projects which perpetuate and catalyze the climate crisis.

Now is the time to reduce carbon emissions and renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba.

Yours truly,
Erin Froese

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Yours truly,
Suzanne Simpson

To all those involved in the decision on the Evergreen Bog peat mine proposal,
As an ecology undergrad, I haven't spent the last three years learning about climate change and the importance of carbon sequestration to have something interesting to say at the dinner table. Science has spoken loud and clear on this issue, and it's time to listen. Allowing a new peat mining project in the middle of this climate emergency is beyond irresponsible and counterproductive. But you and we have a chance to make this decision with future generations in mind, not just present profits.

Yours truly,
Malcolm Reimer

Peat bogs should not be disturbed. Not only are they carbon sinks, but they are an important bit of standing moisture on our landscape. Especially in light of the government's attempt to remove as much red tape as possible to encourage quicker draining of smaller more transient wetlands in the province, we need these types of water-holding features. Peat bogs are also incredibly gorgeous in and of themselves, in addition to being important in the fight against climate change.
Please consider reimplementing the moratorium on new peat mines. We are watching.

Yours truly,
Cora Romanow

Please do not put corporate interests above those of the coming generations by allowing for the mining of the Evergreen Bog by Sun Gro Horticulture. Please take the long view, keep peat bogs on which our collective future depends!

Yours truly,
Dori Zerbe Cornelsen

Our environment is already suffering, this is our only chance to STOP climate change. Making it worse will only speed up the province, please don't do this you are killing are planet, no amount of money will save us once it's too late

Yours truly,
Isabella Willits

We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted. We need to work together to create a safe and clean world for future generations but this fight starts with you.

Ana Amarante

I strongly urge the committee to deny permission to mine the Evergreen peat bog
Maria Lamont

Yours truly,
Maria Lamont

We are at a turning point in terms of our climate. Things are already drastically changing, as evidenced by recent winters. The last thing we need is to further damage our ecosystems just for profit. The moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba must be renewed, and the opening of new mines must stop.

Yours truly,
Frances Lamont

The science is clear. We are in a climate EMERGENCY and cannot afford to increase greenhouse gas emissions through peat mining. Peat bogs are essential ecosystems for storing carbon and destroying them will have disastrous consequences for future generations. I don't want to have children because of the climate disaster we're hurdling towards.

There is no way for peat mining to exist and to mitigate the negative environmental consequences of this industry. This is not worth the money. There will be nothing left to gain profit over if we continue down these paths.

Please do not open up the Evergreen Bog mining site.

This is foolish and short sighted. The approval rating of this government will only continue to decline. The future of the planet hinges on these type of decisions. Peat bogs are huge carbon sinks and opening them up, releasing the carbon will impact everyone across Canada and the globe. Does Manitoba really want that reputation?

Invest in green energy and carbon offset programs. Become a province people can be proud of not only today but in the far future as leaders.

Yours truly,
Rebecca Carter

I'm writing as a concerned citizen against the Evergreen Bog peat mine proposal. I am against this proposal for the following reasons:

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Yours truly,
Alex Mattocks

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Yours truly,
Yuan Zhou

Today, the weather outside is above freezing: the high will be 12C above the usual maximum temperature. It's imperative that we as Manitobans do what's in our power to slow down and if possible reverse these warming trends.

Peat bogs are amazing ecosystems, protecting water quality, storing carbon, and offering wild species a place to live. Intact peat bogs are thousands of years old, and make a huge difference in preventing

increased climate change. Across Manitoba, wetlands including peat bogs are essential to managing soil moisture for agriculture. Mining them would be irreversible: they cannot be replaced and nothing else will do the same jobs as well.

Yours truly,
Laura Lamont

I oppose a new peat mine in Manitoba because it is incredibly harmful to the environment. Peat bogs efficiently store carbon, improve water quality, and offer wildlife habitat. Mining peat will be detrimental to the environment and speed up climate change.

Yours truly,
Marcus Lamont

Please do not proceed with the peat strip mine in the Evergreen Bog. The emissions produced by this project will be a serious step away from protecting our planet's already fragile climate.

Yours truly,
Dan Kirby

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Yours truly,
Julia Ginter

I am writing to oppose the proposed peat mine in the Evergreen Bog. Peat bogs are an incredibly effective carbon sink, and the last thing anyone needs right now is more carbon dioxide being released

into the atmosphere during the middle of a climate crisis where reducing our carbon dioxide emissions is a crucial element of slowing climate change. I am only 17, but I have already seen the effects of climate change and environmental destruction here in Manitoba in that short time. And as an aspiring biologist, it breaks my heart every day to think that so much has been, as is being, irreversibly damaged. It is in the best interest of everybody to work together and put a stop to antiquated, destructive practices like this which contribute to endangering everyone and everything on this planet, just for the short-term profit of corporations.

Yours truly,
Natasha Lamont

NO new peat mines in Manitoba!!! This is a huge step in the wrong direction. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. We need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it. We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted. Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) released a government commissioned report in 2015 that states there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits. Please think of future generations and shut this down.

Yours truly,
Jamie Card

Anyone serious about mitigating climate change has to work to preserve peat bogs.

Yours truly,
Joel Rempel

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Yours truly,
Ana Stopa

Please do not let the proposed peat strip mine in the Evergreen Bog go ahead by Sun Gro Horticulture. Peat bogs make up only 3% of the earth's surface but store twice as much carbon than all of the earth's forests combined. It takes 1000-5000 years for a peat bog to grow.

Given the climate crisis we are in, it would be completely irresponsible to mine any peat on the earth's surface. If anything, we need to do all we can to protect peat bogs to ensure that they will continue their slow growth for thousands of years so that they can continue to store carbon. We need to encourage more peat bogs to grow, not mine the ones we have left.

Furthermore, the Manitoba government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent. No company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted.

It's time to put people and the environment ahead of profit. Do the right thing and deny this proposal.

Yours truly,
Mackenzie Campbell

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Yours truly,
Esther Mackinlay

Peat mining is a capitalist project, allowing a few people to exploit the Earth and its future for personal profit.

The future of the planet relies on the sustainable decisions we make now. As many have already identified, peat bogs are critical for maintaining a consistent climate. Peat bogs store a third of carbon upon Earth's land surface—despite amounting to about 3% of the total surface—making them the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth.

Policies like the Peat Mine Moratorium keep atmospheric carbon at manageable levels now and in the future. With global temperatures on the rise, we need peat bogs. They are a collective climate defence system.

There are natural yet sustainable alternatives for gardeners and growers other than peat. Bark and wood fibres, green (yard) waste, and compost are all natural nutrient rich mediums that are renewable resources. Through both large and small scale use, these mediums would reduce waste in our landfills, reuse existing resources for a beneficial purpose, and recycle nutrients into the Earth for future growth. Additionally, these types of bioresources could be profitable, offering more diverse nutrients than synthetic fertilizers.

With the adequate systems and effort, local peat bog extraction and exportation is obsolete. Implementing these systems within Manitoba would improve sustainability in the longterm, create a new job market, and reduce costs to Manitoba farmers while increasing their profitability. The integration of a green waste collection system would be an investment into Manitoba's future and would demonstrate our province as sustainability leaders. Modelling collection and sortation after other communities (such as Ottawa), green bin collection could be as simple and as ubiquitous as garbage and recycle. Why pay more to extract something when people would willingly give away existing alternatives for free? Especially when so few would benefit from such an extraction and all would benefit from bioresource recycling.

It is wrong to mine peat bogs. Even without regulations in place, mining is neither sustainable nor moral. Our global climate future cannot be saved with carbon credits: Earth is not a currency exchange centre.

Yours truly,
Mallory Duffy

I am writing to express my concerns regarding, and opposition to, the Evergreen Bog for the reasons stated below:

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Yours truly,
Caitlin Hutchison

I am writing to express my concern about Sun Gro Horticulture's proposal for a new peat strip mine in the Evergreen Bog. We are in a climate emergency and we need to limit our greenhouse gas emissions everywhere we can. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. I urge you to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba.

Yours truly,
Erica Young

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Yours truly,
Mira Oberman

This cannot happen. The peat bogs can store massive amounts of carbon, and releasing this would be a huge mistake. When is the MB government going to stop sacrificing the health of our planet and of current and future generations of Manitobans? Yet again, you have proven to everyone that your number one priority will always be money by even considering this outrageous proposal. Even though it was lifted, the fact that there was previously a moratorium on new peat mines is a clear demonstration that you understand the consequences and are simply choosing to ignore it. We are in a climate crisis! We have likely already passed the point of being able to fix the damage to the planet we have caused, and this would be devastating to our beautiful province. We should be actively working to increase carbon stores, remove carbon from the atmosphere, and massively lower our collective carbon footprint. As a country, we have specific goals regarding this, and introducing new peat mines negates these efforts. There are obvious reasons for these goals. Do not accept this proposal, because doing so would be actively working against our country's sustainability efforts, it impacts the entire world through enhancing the climate crisis, and it adds significant burden to future gen

Yours truly,
Savannah King

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Yours truly,
Emma Currier-Dougherty

Peat bogs are crucial for the climate and managing excess carbon. Despite covering only three percent of the earth's land surface, peat bogs store 30% of carbon. Without peat bogs, we lose a crucial part of our defence against the climate catastrophe. Peat mining has benefits for the few and overwhelmingly harms the many.

We need to renew our moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. This is a crucial part of dealing with the climate emergency. There are currently inadequate greenhouse gas emission regulations in Manitoba. If these regulations existed, peat mining would likely not be permitted. We cannot destroy our climate for the sake of Sun Gro Horticulture's wealth.

According to the 2015 International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) report, there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release that occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits. Is this a part of Sun Gro Horticulture's plan?

This project will have devastating impacts for the environment and cannot proceed.

Yours truly,
Samantha Machado

I value our planet, our natural beauty, and the health of our neighbours. Please do not approve any peat mining operations!

Yours truly,
Andrew Kohan

Peat mining is an unacceptable enterprise in this day of severe climate change. It is a moment to declare a state of emergency to LOWER carbon in the atmosphere, not release more through peat mining?! It is despicable to think the environmental protection has been lifted so some company can profit off the futures of Manitobans healthy climate.

Yours truly,
Adriana King

Peat is a carbon-storing resource we cannot survive without given its role in the environment and in the climate fight. Please reconsider interests beyond the market and protect the Evergreen Bog. We NEED to renew the moratorium on peat mines. They are not sustainable and leave our communities vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.
Please use your voice to oppose the granting of this peat mining license.

Yours truly,
Andrée Forest

We need to protect our natural habitat, not destroy it. Leave the peat alone.

Yours truly,
Annemarie Sawatzky

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YOURS TRULY,
Tara Bailey

I urge the Manitoba government to reject the Sun Gro Horticulture proposal for a new peat strip mine in the Evergreen Bog. In addition, I ask for the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba to be renewed. We are in a climate emergency, with the impacts of climate change already felt by communities in Manitoba. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

released a government commissioned report in 2015 that states there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits.

Considering the known impacts of peat mines on greenhouse gas emissions, it would be negligent and short-sighted to approve a permit for new peat mine in Manitoba.

Instead, I call for the Manitoba government to take climate action and put a moratorium on peat mining in the province.

Yours truly,
Amy Martens

We are in a climate emergency, and we know we need to stop releasing carbon if we want to maintain a high quality of human life on this planet. Peat bogs are a rich carbon store and to begin a new mine in Manitoba would be to ignore our responsibility to our own natural environment and to the lives of children and youth. Show Manitobans that you care about the future of our province and the well-being of the earth

Yours truly,
Julia Thiessen

Dear Sir or Madame,

In considering the the approval or denial mining peat in Manitoba, please be aware that we are at a critical point in human history and in the geo-biological history of the planet. The balance of the global climate is tipping rapidly. Peat mining is an activity that represents the far opposite direction of where we need to go in our relationship with the Earth. The damage to our planet's atmosphere from from any peat mining project you approve now is unlikely to ever be undone and it will incrementally impoverish the future of future generations, throughout the world.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours truly,
Ronald Greening

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Do not allow peat mining to happen in Manitoba!

Yours truly,
Kate Betteridge

To whom it may concern(EVERYBODY)

I am a 20 year old man who is utterly terrified of the future to come due to climate change, for that reason I write this today.

If we don't have a planet to live on and love and enjoy what is the purpose of money, I beg you to cancel the new peat mining project. As I look outside today it will go above +2 in December, there is hardly snow to be seen. When I was growing up I can't remember a day winter without beautiful snow fall and freezing cold temperatures... The last 5 years I can not say the same. We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted. Peat mining well without question add to the destruction of our planet.

Once again I beg you make the choice I hope you know is right. For the sake of your children for the sake of this planet.

Yours truly,
Jacob Cressman

Peat bogs are critical for our climate. Covering only three per cent of Earth's land surface, they store 30 per cent of the carbon. Peat bogs are an irreplaceable part of our climate defense system. As soon as water is drained from a peat bog, it begins releasing carbon at a rate unlike anything other than burning fossil fuels.

In addition, these wetlands are key ecosystems and allow for water storage on the land. This helps to protect our waterways by storing nutrients and preventing issues like Lake Winnipeg is facing. Please protect these valuable ecosystems and do NOT approve the peat strip mine proposal filed by Sun Gro Horticulture for the Evergreen Bog.

Yours truly,
Kathryn Dompierre

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Yours truly,
Matthew Mason

I am imploring you to deny the new peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog that has been filed by Sun Gro Horticulture. The future of our province's natural habitats, of our planet's clean air and of the lives of our children and grandchildren depends on this not being approved.

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As soon as you drain the water in a peat bog it begins spewing out carbon at a rate unlike anything other than burning fossil fuels. These are the world's carbon stores.

Peat fires are becoming an increased danger for many regions in Canada, and Manitoba should not be contributing to this deadly risk.

It is also grossly unsustainable to disturb peat bogs. It takes 1000 years for peat bogs to form. We don't have that kind of time.

As a Manitoban, I say NO to the peat strip mine proposal of Evergreen Big, and you should too.

Yours truly,
Monique Van Osch

Dear Premier Pallister,

Manitoba doesn't need another peat mine. Manitoba needs more parks and green spaces, along with greater protection of the parks we have now. 2020 has been a very trying year for all Manitobans and if anything you and your government should have realized this. Manitobans got out to our green spaces in record numbers this year showing you the value we place on our green spaces. The creation of another peat mine is not a very good reaction to doing Manitoba's part in slowing climate change, but will only speed up the process. Now is not the time for another peat mine.

I do not want another peat mine in Manitoba.

Andrew Reid

I am completely opposed to the new peat strip mine being proposed in the Evergreen bog.

Peat bogs are an irreplaceable natural defense against climate change as they store 30% of the earth's carbon. They must be protected! Not only that, but draining them will release all that carbon and contribute to our climate emergency,

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This is the time to be taking all steps possible to reduce greenhouse gases. It was negligent of our government to lift the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It must be renewed!

I call on our government to enact effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, and prevent Sun Gro from opening this new mine.

Yours truly,

Carolyn Bryan

A new peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog has been filed by Sun Gro Horticulture in Manitoba. I am sending this letter to speak against the opening of new peat mines in our province. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted. Manitoba's International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) released a government commissioned report in 2015 that states there is no way to mitigate the massive carbon release which occurs from peat mining, except to buy carbon credits. Peat mining is looting our collective climate defense system for the profit of the few. In addition to this mine not proceeding, we need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it.

Yours truly,

Karla Rootsart

Please. Please read this and please listen. Peat is so extremely important to the earth and is a protective barrier against total environmental collapse. Peat mining is stealing life from the planet for a few pennies. Lifting the moratorium on peat mining is foolish, selfish, disrespectful and outright stupid. The planet is already dying and mining only speeds this up. Is it really worth it to destroy what little time we have left on this earth for a couple bucks. We are in a climate emergency, yet the government's greenhouse gas emissions regulations are non-existent in that no company is required to reduce their emissions in Manitoba. If the government enacted effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations, peat mining would never be permitted. Please stop I want my children to see a green future.

Yours truly,
Evan Wachal

I am writing to you today regarding the peat strip mine proposal filed by Sun Gro Horticulture. I would like to express my opposition to this proposal, due to the immense environmental impact this project would have. As you know, we are facing an accelerating climate emergency and we should collectively be doing as much as we can to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen our ecosystems. Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth. Draining them for a peat mine is deeply harmful, short-sighted, and would release vast amounts of carbon into the atmosphere. Not only should this project not go ahead, but no peat mines should ever be approved in Manitoba again. Please deny this application for a peat mine in the Evergreen Bog, and keep the carbon in the ground (and the ecosystem healthy)!

Yours truly,
Emma Higgs

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Yours truly,
Trinity Rutledge

No peat mining

Yours truly,
Jadyn Piatt

Manitoba should be proud of 97% of our energy coming from a renewable energy source. What Manitoba should not be proud of is opening a mine like this that damages our ecosystems and polluted our air. Our peat bogs are extremely important for the absorption of carbon and they should be protected.

Yours truly,
Taylor Brandt

I do not want any new peat mines in Manitoba. We need to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba. It was negligent to lift it. Keep the carbon in the ground!

Yours truly,
Meghan Cameron

I am sending my comments regarding the new peat strip mine proposal in the Evergreen Bog that has been filed by Sun Gro Horticulture (File #628.10).

I'm taking the time to write to you today as opposing peat mining projects is immensely important to me.

Please do not accept this peat strip mine proposal due to these four important reasons.

1. Peat moss is a non-renewable resource because it takes thousands of years to form.
2. Peat mining is unsustainable as it releases an immense amount of carbon when it is mined. At a time of a climate emergency, approving a peat mine is an extremely bad idea, creating a climate catastrophe.
3. Peatlands provide important biodiversity in Manitoba as well as water quality protection in Lake Winnipeg watershed.
4. There exists good alternatives to peat moss like compost and leaf mould.

I would like the Province to renew the moratorium on new peat mines in Manitoba and that it enacts effective greenhouse gas reduction regulations. In addition, I would like the Province to restore Green Action Centre's multi-year funding so that they can continue to educate Manitobans on how to backyard compost and how to use it as an alternative to peat moss.

Jobs are needed more than ever during this economic downturn. However, peat mining jobs do not fit with the green economy. Economic development is important but the climate needs to be considered concurrently which is possible when using a green economy lens when evaluating projects.

Thank you for your time in advance.

Yours truly,
Sylvie Hébert

Peat bogs are the most carbon rich ecosystem on Earth, and draining them immediately releases vast stores of carbon. We don't need more carbon in the atmosphere, or peat. We need climate action!

Yours truly,
Alexa Sawatzky

I am writing to you on behalf of my family to voice our concern with the proposal for this new peat mine. We are strongly against this proposal! This mine must not be allowed to open, we need to preserve our peat lands and wilderness. Opening a peat mine would be detrimental to our battle, as a global community, against the climate crisis. Peat bogs are one of the many lines of defence against climate change and are a rich carbon sequestration and storage source, which if disturbed, would release vast amounts of carbon into our atmosphere.

We, in the Zaliskyy household, truly hope that you take our thoughts into consideration and do not move along with the proposal to open this peat mine.

Yours truly,
Roman Zaliskyy

Don't build this peat mine. Manitoba has beautiful resources and you should not destroy it. It would be unfair and wrecking the environment so much

Yours truly,
Charlie Sharp

I'm someone writing to you with great concern for our province as well as the welfare for generations that will follow our own. I am imploring you not to go through with this peat mine.

Here are my reasons why:

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I am truly begging you, as someone who loves this land and this planet I am sure other alternatives can be found.

Yours truly,
Ena Sechin

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Yours truly,
Alexie Lepage

Peat is the best natural way to hold carbon and retract it from the atmosphere, and Manitoba has the largest storage of peat in the WORLD and now the province wants to tear it all up. Not cool

Yours truly,
Jasdeep sidhu

Hello there, can't believe I'm writing to you guys again about how to maintain an ecosystem and protect the earth instead of focusing on making quick unsustainable profit. Peat mining permanently affects bogs and destroys the rich ecosystem it contributes to. Bogs take years to regenerate, why are we exploiting resources which take decades to fully recover??? It's unsustainable! With the climate change emergency we currently have we should not further contribute to it. The moss in the bogs are an important carbon sink, why are we getting rid of the natural resources we possess that already helps to put the carbon in our atmosphere into the ground. As a science student I am disgusted with this proposal, no one with any consideration for the environment, or any understanding of the climate crisis we are dealing with would reject this proposition. We need to put climate change as our top priority, not making money, money is worthless once there is no way for us to live.

Yours truly,
Pascale Bouchard

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