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REF: TrC 080/20\_1- DAERA and TrC 081/20\_1-DAERA

To whom it may concern,

My name [REDACTED] area of outstanding natural beauty Dalradian are proposing to destroy with a toxic mine, processing plant and toxic waste tailings facility.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Any contamination or disruption of the water by the development highly likely to infiltrate and contaminate our surface water and drinking water  
[REDACTED]

The proposal to build water “ponds containing almost 9 million gallons of “water”” [REDACTED] fills me with dread for the health and wellbeing [REDACTED] If anything goes wrong [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will be in grave danger.

From a common-sense view point the proposal of having these ‘ponds’ situated on the side of a mountain is utter madness.

If Dalradian’s are allowed to extract this much water we will be left in times of drought with no water for ourselves or our animals.

If this proposal is allowed to go ahead, my well will be contaminated and the surface water from the proposed mine site will make its way down and flows across my land where it will enter the Pollanroe burn. Any leeching at the development will make its way onto my land through natural springs and be a danger to myself and livestock.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and resultingly have helped numerous neighboring farmers, I am aware of the abundance of wildlife we have in the area. Should this proposal go ahead, their existence in this area would be severely threatened. The Pollanroe Burn acts as a wildlife corridor from the river to the mountain; any disruption to this will surely threaten the extinction of any wildlife present

here. Any change or discharge into the Pollanroe burn will have a devastating effect on the salmon, trout, pearl mussels, as well as other wildlife which breed and live in the burn.

Furthermore, Dalradian propose to treat all contaminated water with a state-of-the-art water treatment plant. My question would be, how do you treat water which you cannot catch? The water which will be in flowing into the mine will escape down through natural fissures in the rock which will contaminate all our local water aquifers and waterways for generations to come. Once this process starts, there is no way to stop it!

In fact, NI Water provided a response to Dalradian's application admitting there would be a risk to the raw water quality in the area. They have stated that the mining works and the use/storage of hazardous substances in this work should NOT be within 100m of the water catchment area. The plans put forward by Dalradian however, show the toxic tailings dump and plant to be built directly on top of the Pollanroe Burn which runs through my land.

Additionally, due to the proximity of my house to the proposed development I would be extremely worried about water being extracted in large quantities, which will lead to a cone of depression, which could affect the stability of my house and those of my neighbours.

On reviewing the documentation for this application, I observed most of the data provided is only up to 2017, surely this application should have more up to date figures – presumably up to 2023 as we all know the climate is changing rapidly and therefore the figures put forward could not be accurate.

This application was not granted in 2021, why then would it even be considered a possibility in 2024 when legislation around these issues has increased and intensified?

The Department should note that the **Independent** Rain Fall Meteorological Data used by the applicant as a base line, is recorded at Lough Fea which is 20 Km from site. This proposed monitoring station is arguably not close enough to the proposed site and would, in my opinion, not be accurate to this area to use as a baseline. It could also be argued that rainfall in this area would in fact be higher due to the elevated location within the Sperrins.

Finally, I would like to highlight the conflict of interest with 'Golder Associates' and their input into this application for the applicant, as they now have a contract advising government agencies as an independent body on the application.

In conclusion, I strongly hope and plead with you to take these points into consideration and therefore turn down this application. This proposed project has already led to many years of hardship for myself, my family and our neighbors, please do not let it destroy our future.

Yours sincerely,

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