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Premier Danny Williams  
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Dear Premier Danny Williams,

Isn't democracy great! With an election looming on the horizon and the Danny Williams team forging ahead with the promise of great mineral wealth and employment opportunity .It just makes you feel like nothing is going to stop us now. I believe in a self-reliant Newfoundland and Labrador that can sustain it's self no matter what comes down the turnpike. I just hope that we do not make the same mistakes so many past governments have done. Environmental issues are in the lime light these days. Around the world people are finally realizing that we only have one earth. That the startling pictures sent from deep outer space only confirm how precious life is here. The pictures sent to earth by NASA'S Mars Rover and Voyageur 1 are mind blowing .We cannot afford to make government policies and regulations without incorporating this science .The only life in a 7 billion mile solar system, also shares this planets life support system with us .Even a guy with my limited math skills understands what 7 billion is. We are like a speck of dust in the sea of black space. It's blatantly arrogant and dangerous for any government around the world to trivialize the state of our ecosystems. We have been digging our graves with our teeth for so long we've become desensitized. As our elected leader and his team, I sincerely hope that Newfoundland and Labrador can lead the world in environmental health and safety. The 21<sup>st</sup> century promises to be challenging for both Newfoundland and Labrador and all global citizens .The problem is, many parts of the world are starving for what we have. You see Mr. Williams, Newfoundland and Labrador has not seen the human population bomb that has devoured much of the worlds indigenous wild life, organisms, and ecosystems .The evolutionary drum still beats, though there are less species to beat it. At less than 500,000 people we have had more than our share of extinctions under our belt. Can you imagine the

environmental impact 5 to 6 million people would have on this provinces ecosystem? It's the health of these ecosystems that give our cities like St. John's the lifeblood it needs. That's why when I write or speak about indiscriminative dumping, car wrecks and remote cabin development I take it dead serious. If current estimates are correct human populations are expected to double. Putting further strain on the life support systems on this earth. There is no way that natural ecosystems can survive this constant encroachment by governments one generation after the other. We cannot afford to drive every species to the brink of extinction and expect our children to have quality down the road .In Newfoundland and Labrador we have a chance to do our best in the preservation of mother earth. For if we don't respect our wild areas its natural law that will have last call. That's one experience I do not want my daughter and her generation to see. This brings me to my letter the Minister of Environment Clyde Jackman replied to. When government responds to a letter from a little guy like me, that's democracy in motion .It's this dialogue from the top of the pecking order to the bottom that diverts disasters. The remote cabin development issue in Clifty pond and surrounding area is a no brainer. How is government going to strike a balance on cabin development and other forms of human encroachment as human populations swell. We would end up like many other parts of the world, starving for the supplies of fresh water and wild spaces we are now gifted to have. REMEMBER ONCE OUR WILD LIFE AND ECOSYSTEMS ARE GONE THEY ARE NOT COMING BACK. It's just as well for governments around the world to bite the bullet and educate our youth and all involved to( pack it in and pack it out) of our wild areas.(Limited access) to our wild areas is our only chance to stave off disaster .Leave it the way you found it. Newfoundland and Labrador is one of the few places in the world where the human population has declined. Most countries are busting at the seams. We can learn from other countries misery or add to it, the choice is ours. When my ancestors emigrated from Ireland in the late 1700's Irelands population was about 6 to7 million, then the blight hit, or potato famine and millions died. The main food source was the potato. Many immigrated to places like Newfoundland because they had nowhere to turn. Parts of the world are living on the edge right now. As a democratic country it takes dialogue to bring about positive environmental change. In a dictatorship everyone goes around like a cow in bail. In a democratic country I believe we have a chance to save this old rock called planet earth. The choice is ours, all we have to do is act, not just talk about it. Every thing I do about environmental issues is self-driven because I care deeply about the long-term health of my home province and beyond. I am a independent none profit environmentalist who prefers to paddle his own canoe. I just hope democratically there is enough common sence out there to stave off a disaster. And if you are re- elected, as premier please don't forget about the environment .For even the common slug has a right of passage on this old earth. Good luck to all involved in the campaign. That's why ISN'T DEMOCRACY GREAT!

YOURS IN CONSERVATION

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Also to our environmental predecessors (Minister of Environment Clyde Jackman) and all who want to chip away at the remaining life support systems left on planet earth. Be careful! Many parts of the

world are staving for the pure water and Wild spaces Newfoundland and Labrador are lucky enough to have. Our predecessors thought we had an endless resource in Northern Cod. They made a dangerous mess of that. With 6 billion hungry humans devouring the earth's ecosystems. Maybe earth has a human carrying capacity that has maxed out. Clifty pond is another one of these life support systems the world so desperately needs. It's time for the world to WAKE UP we have nowhere else to turn. If everyone looked at their existence on earth as a temporary lease from our children and grand children, we would have a chance to STAVE OFF DISASTER. Any other out look, you are (deluding) yourself.

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