

## Concerned parent Property and Business owner

The proposed smelter will have a huge, negative impact on our environment and our quality of life in this small community. Newport does not have the capability to handle the infrastructure required for such a large facility. They would be unable to properly monitor the air and water quality, not to mention the increased truck and train traffic. Pend Oreille County is still rural timberland with few industrial businesses at all. The county is unprepared for such a large smelter operation within our borders. The inexperience of the PUD commissioners and the Pend Oreille County government in this situation is unacceptable. None of the members have ever dealt with such a proposal, which is evident in their illegal sale of county property for the proposed site. Newport and the surrounding communities pride themselves on our clean air, clean water, abundant wildlife and safe communities to raise our families and operate our community friendly businesses. We are business owners as well as property owners in Newport and Spokane, paying thousands of dollars in taxes to sustain our community and way of life. The proposed Newport smelter will forever negatively affect the quality of life here, and that can't be replaced!