

Lynne Campbell

Thank you for soliciting public comments regarding the proposed silicon smelter near Newport, WA. I live 16 miles NE of the site, have done significant reading about the smelter, am aware of the shady circumstances by which the land was acquired, attended a recent public meeting in Priest River where 2 minute testimony was welcomed by the Dept. of Ecology and, during an approximate 2-hour period not a single person spoke in favor of this highly controversial project. The major concern running through the testimony had to do with health - of people and of the environment. Based on the research I have done, I consider the health consequences of such severity that I feel I will need to move from the area. My sister, Robin Campbell, of Sandpoint, has in her comments raised many concerns and questions which I share and will not expand on here. Permitting this industry, based on all I've learned, will absolutely go against the will of the people here in favor of a foreign corporation. There is plenty of evidence, I believe, to deny permitting of the smelter, which I urge you to do.