

Carrie Parks

My name is Carrie Parks. I'm a longtime resident of Vancouver who knows that 2020 is not an unusual year. This is the beginning of a new normal being caused by a fossil fuel industry which has spent years squelching cleaner technologies. The local tribes are against this plant. The Native Americans lived here for thousands of years without damaging the environment the way that white people have in only 172 years of European settlement. Maybe they know something, and maybe we ought to listen to them. We should deny this permit. I want to address some of the talking points I've heard from the other side.

Northwest Innovation Works and their supporters are cherry-picking the science they want, which is bad science. To tell us that we're ignoring science is ridiculous. You've heard from lots of legitimate scientists talking about the real facts in these hearings. You can observe the pandemics, fires, floods, hurricanes, droughts, and other effects with your own eyes.

The world scientists are almost unanimous in warning us that climate change is killing our planet, and us with it. We have to stop polluting. You're talking about it being a positive impact on the environment, polluting a little bit less than some other plant that may or may not be there. That's just ridiculous and insulting.

Dumping another million tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere every year for 40 years is not going to get us where we need to go. The factory will provide good jobs to the local community. That's a lot of what I hear people saying, but you are ignoring all the jobs you are killing, agriculture, tourism, restaurants, the local campground, fishing, hiking, the jobs destroyed by fires, floods, hurricanes, and ocean acidification. Those are jobs too. Those are also people that need to support their families. The choice that Kalama has is not between this plant and no jobs-

>> Carrie, we're going to have to ask you to summarize your comments. We'll go over that information at the end of the hearing.