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RE: The DRBC proposal to change the Rules of Practice and Procedure

The Executive Director has already too much power to make decisions behind the cloak of expediency to expedite dirty permits that effect the lives and health of the environment and all that live not only around the project but ultimately the whole planet. We can't ignore the fast tracking of the dirty fossil fuel projects that have already been approved without public response and input.

We all know that what happens in one part of the world has an impact across the planet. This proposal would codify a procedure that is anti democratic and to even extend a project for five years! There must be greater transparency than less!

The underhanded dealings of dirty fossil fuel projects are not fully vetted and allowing the sponsors of these projects are meant to intimidate and stop any litigations for destruction of health, environment (air, land, water, ecosystems), and property. The decision making must be interactive, with full knowledge and approval from the public and not in the cover of darkness.

Secret "Material" is just a way to hide what substances the public will be subjected to without the knowledge as to what the consequences of these "materials" may have. The public has a right to weigh in on projects that effect the public's health and the environment in general. No one person should have that power, nor any governmental head to make decisions that could effect us all in the long term.

These proposed polices do the opposite of protecting our rights for voicing proposals that will hurt the human right to clean air, water, and land. What has transpired is criminal and what is being proposed is nothing short of tyranny and unilateral power to large corporate companies that only goal is profits over the people, the planet, and the ecology of all living things. We are a part of nature and must learn to live with it, not to extract endless materials. This procedure only rewards the endless extraction that will end not only our species but all life as we know it.

I don't think I am being overly dramatic, for we can see now the results of runaway destruction of local environments in all parts of the world in extreme weather patterns and large scale destruction in all parts of the world including this country alone.

We must stand up to total tyranny of one person making decisions and allow clear public access to ALL the information available that effect us all! This must be a right that the public be fully informed in any decision made in our names by the DRBC.

Thank you,
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