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To all concerned

My name is Martin Klatt, I am a directly affected party in this request for review of application RA21045. I am a farmer and have been at this location for 42 years. I agree with the decision made by NRCB Nathan Shirley to deny the construction and operation of a 4000 head CFO owned and operated by G&S cattle Ltd. I request that G&S not be granted a revue.

Part of the lands I own are directly downstream of the creek (it flows through the full length of the quarter) that will flow off the immediate area around the foot print off the confined area as well as a large portion of the land where manure will be spread. The existing operation (estimate up to 1500 head) has already had a very detrimental effect on that creek, air quality, etc. in this area. I use to use that creek to water gardens, live stock, etc. but have since stopped due to concerns about contaminates in the water. We relay solely on our water wells for domestic purposes. I am a senior and depend on the shops at the village at pigeon lake that I believe will be negatively effected by the CFO closeness to the lake.

Contrary to G&S RFR, there is wide spread local opposition to this CFO application (directly affected parties and farmers).

QUOTE from RFR "In addition, G&S is recognized as a responsible operator and is committed to operating the proposed CFO within all applicable regulatory requirements."  
See video taken Aug. 2022 submitted to Laura on Sept 28-22 that shows current buffalo feed lot (300-500 head) that is directly in the watercourse that immediately enters Tide Creek. This operation has been ongoing for years with no regard to how it effects the creek or the lake and all peoples and businesses downstream.

In Sept. of this year complaints were registered against G&S "spreading of manure" and investigated by the NRCB. The investigation determined that G&S was in violation of requirements to incorporate manure into soil. When the G&S representative was questioned their reply was they didn't know the rules, and didn't have the equipment required on hand, it was in Ponoka. The investigating officer wrote up the infraction and gave them a small extension to comply. G&S and their family members own several feed lots and I believe were fully aware of requirements. Ignorance should not be acceptable in this type of operation. This was not their first complain..refer to complaint from Julie Roussel on file with the NRCB.

Any deliberate or accidentally discharges from the proposed CFO would be catastrophic for the creek and the lake it flows into as well as all persons in the surrounding community.

Although guidelines dictate only parties that submitted concerns are allowed to respond to this RFR, it

should be noted that several parties were unaware of the guidelines.

As such in rebutting G&S claim of no recreation lands are effected Wood Pines Resort is directly north 1/4 mile of where manure will and has been spread.

This resort has spent several millions of dollars to develop and will be majorly negatively impacted by this preposed CFO.

This resort will bring large amounts of money's well as employment and services to this community.

The SW-11-47-02-W5, 80 acres I own is recreation land that we have planned to subdivide and sell as part of our retirement, with the smell alone making this plan not economically viable.

It is my option that the NRCB will not take the following statements into considerations as they can't be proven or disproven and therefor have no bearing.

1 "Beyond the impacts to G&S' business and the use of its farmland, the Decision also affects G&S' current and potential future employees, who will benefit from employment opportunities created or sustained by the proposed CFO. Approval of the CFO will result in G&S consuming additional goods and services, will further benefit the local economy, and will result in the production of a commodity that is valued internationally.

#1

G&S claim to adding monetary and employment benefits to the local community will have very little positive impact on the community that will have all the negative impacts.

G&S claims they will have a large positive impact in those areas, but to date with the existing operation have only employed 1 or 2 locals and will require maybe a couple more if CFO is granted.

Their veterinarian services are from out of this are.

Their cultivating and cropping equipment is from the Ponoka area.

There are no trucking companies in this area that provide animal or feed transport.

It is my understanding they do not purchase fuel from local suppliers.

2 "The construction and operation of the CFO is important to the long term viability of G&S' agricultural operations, as well as the ongoing operation of a large agricultural land holding, the full capability of which cannot be realized without approval of the Application. The proposed CFO is also central to G&S' broader business structure, and is vertically integrated with processing plants and other facilities to serve consumer demand for beef and other commodities on an international scale."

#2

As there are no documents to show the financial impacts of their "full capacity potential" or their "vertical integration structure" that should not be accepted as a consideration in determining whether to go forward with the RFR.

Sincerely

Martin Klatt