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Hi Carolyn,

Thanks,

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Hello there Kelsey,

We are writing to you in response to the Application LA24002 regarding the proposed expansion of Van Huigenbos Farms.

I would like to begin by stating that we are not against agriculture. Our families historically have farmed and worked in agriculture driven businesses. We understand the need to provide for our families, as well as consumers. That being said, we have some strong reservations about this proposed expansion.

The sheer size of this expansion is hard to grasp. Expanding a calf operation over 6 times in volume will put a huge strain on the resources of the area. According to Agriculture Canada (agriculture.canada.ca) nearly all of Alberta is currently at risk of significant drought this summer. This proposed expansion is right along the Willow Creek- which drains directly into the Oldman River. Many areas downstream of this farm, including the City Of Lethbridge, are already imposing water usage limitations- and we have not even hit the heat of summer yet. Where is the water going to come from for these 16 500 calves?

In addition to the current drought conditions in our area- what will happen to the quality of the water downstream from this expansion? A catch basin is not a guarantee. The Insurance Bureau of Canada reports that summer storms- sudden heavy downpours of rain and hail- caused \$300 million in insured losses in 2023 alone. What happens to the creek, as well as personal wells and aquifers, when a summer storm hits and drives the run off from this farm into the water? Water is our most precious commodity- there is no more of it in the earth. No one is making more of it. When our streams and aquifers are damaged by manure and farm run off- there is no replacement. A quick look at the maps on groundwater.alberta.ca shows an amazing number of water wells existing downstream of this expansion. What options will land owners have to drinking water?

Another consideration is the smell. We all know that Southern Alberta is in a wind tunnel created by the air coming from the Pacific ocean, rising over the Rockies, and then bringing chinooks and winds as the air moves east-wards down the mountains. This puts many land owners- as well as the Town of Fort Macleod itself- directly in the path of the smell of calves and manure. Look at the issues High River is having as the result of the smell and a gasses coming from Rimrock Feeders. The Western Wheel (westernwheel.com) reports that many citizens of High River- including their Mayor- have expressed concerns many times over the terrible smells blowing into town as the result. Fort Macleod has been working very hard at attracting tourists and new home owners alike- the Historic Main street is a treasure in this area. Do we want to undo the work and preservation that has taken place there as the result of smells and gases drifting into town? I sincerely hope that you will take these concerns seriously- and appreciate the time to voice my opinion.

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