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To:	Kelsey Peddle
Subject:	Application LA24002 - Notification Letter Van Huigenbos Farms Ltd. SE 21-9-26 W4M

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Statement Of Concerns:

We have received the letter issued by NRCB concerning application LA24002 submitted by Van Huigenbos Farms Ltd which has identified us as an "affected party". We are very concerned about the expansion of beef feeder calf numbers from 2,500 to 16,500. This represents a 560% increase which unfairly places additional burdens on the surrounding property owners for the following reasons:

1. **Odours and nuisances** - we are very concerned about the negative effect of odours and the negative impacts on air quality and general health caused by the increase of ammonia, methane and other harmful gases. In addition, we have concerns about the increase of flies, vermin and other nuisances.
2. **Groundwater usage and quality** - as everyone is aware that Alberta has drought conditions, which has put pressures on the water supply. Therefore any large additional increases in the usage such as the proposed CFO increase, could cause a strain on the aquifers creating a water supply shortage for our community and surrounding neighbours. Our community uses well water and the aquifer is our only source of water.
3. **Surface water** - we are concerned on the potential for surface water contamination from manure runoff.
4. **Manure application** - The main concerns of land application of manure is the timing (weather related) and applicator knowledge of odour dilution. We are concerned about excessive application of manure and how it is controlled. Excessive application could contaminate our groundwater / surface water.
5. **Road traffic** - we have concerns about the increased traffic on our roads as livestock, feed and equipment which no doubt will stress an already under maintained gravel surface.
6. **Air quality** - the increased volume of traffic on our gravel roads by farm equipment will increase airborne dust and fine particulates which will impact our air quality.
7. **Property values** - it is more than likely that our property values will be directly affected if the CFO expansion is approved.

In closing, we feel that the proposal of application LA24002 would have a negative impact on our quality of life and the overall negative impact on our community.

Sincerely,

William and Lorraine Reid