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Subject: SUBMISSION TO LEITRIM COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN re THE VERY REAL THREAT OF GOLD MINING IN 47 NAMED TOWNLANDS IN NORTH LEITRIM AS GREEN MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT EAMONN RYAN JUST GRANTED PROSPECTING LICENCES FOR SAME.

Hello there! To whom it may concern

My name is Ger Kelly and I now live in Dromahair village in which the river Bonet plays an integral part en route to Lough Gill, where the legendary Isle of Innisfree is situated and can be viewed right up close on George McGoldrick's lovely boat and then on to the Garavogue River in Sligo en route W. B. Yeats & Wild Atlantic Way. The water of the River Bonet forms like the backbone of North Leitrim, starting off down Glenade, working its way up to Largydonnell, Leckanarainey, Russaun, Mullies, Ballyglass - my home place for over 50 years, Milltown, Manorhamilton en route to Dromahair etc.

I'm going to tell you some of the many reasons for my opposition to this carbon heavy, energy intensive industry which has potential to damage air and water quality, community, landscape, tourism, biodiversity, agriculture amongst many other things

Thus Mining is not compatible with the sustainable future that we are trying to create for this and following generations.

Mentioning generations all 4 of my grandparents & their predecessors are from North Leitrim; my late mother's people were Mc Goldrick & Doherty from Drumkeeran. My father's mother's people were Glenanniff & Rossinver area. However my father's people were Mitchells from Lisnabrack for generations, went to school in Kilroosk NS, Mass in Mullies Chapel, Buried in Kilroosk, saved turf on Falacarra> Just look at this amazing link & U can visit this amazing natural Haven for Free less that 1 mile from Manorhamilton to Lurganboy

road. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKFTSSKzWA> Oh the Peace and look at the no of views; Yes Yes Over 39 Million views. We also have Fowley Falls etc

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