

Please establish a mining reclamation program to re-establish natural habitats at abandoned mine, quarry, and smelter sites in Newfoundland and Labrador. Residents in communities such as Buchans have to protect themselves from toxic residues in the soil (such as lead, arsenic and uranium) that have long-term health impacts. I support the establishment of a Mining Recovery and Reclamation Fund, drawn from annual mining royalties. Ontario and British Columbia, as well as several U.S. states, have reclamation programs in place. Please develop a program to reclaim mine sites in this province.

Sincerely,

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