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Dear Board,

As independent operators in the Tourism Industry located in the Town of Woody Point, in the centre of Gros Morne National Park, we wish to express our grave concerns over the potential of fracking projects along the coastline of the Park. Notwithstanding the potential of the environmental damage stemming from the drilling itself, and the concerns of significant spills during transportation, we, my wife and I, wish to ensure you are aware of the significant effect that exploring and production along the Trout River to Chimney Cove corridor will have on the communities of Bonne Bay South.

Our understanding of the initial development of a fracking well head is that it will require anywhere from 800 to 1200 tanker truck loads of drill fluid being transported to the site, and then the resulting used fluids will have to be taken away. Should the well be considered a success that will then trigger thousands of round trips to ship the product to the main storage or distribution port. As you may not have had the opportunity to travel in the Bonne Bay South area (includes the Towns of Glenburnie, Birchy Head, Shoal Brook and Woody Point), the trucks will have to travel along Route 431, which is, most likely, per kilometre, the most undulating highway in Newfoundland. The combination of extreme elevation changes and sharp turns dictate that the Park and Department of Highways enforces lower than usual speed limits. As well, the elevation changes require large trucks to travel very slowly down some of the hills and use all of their reserves to make it back up the hills, especially when carrying a full load. These trucks will wreak havoc on the regular flow of the domestic vehicles coming and going and our already fragile road bed.

Another very disturbing fact about their journey to and from Trout River is that they will have to travel through the Provincially Registered Heritage District of the old town site of Woody Point. The sharp turn required to continue on route 431 to Trout River is too sharp and steep to enter inbound, or exit outbound, so large trucks will have to rumble through the heart of the residential and business district of Woody Point. Considering their deliveries will be non-discretionary and moving on a 24 hour a day schedule it is fair to say life as we know it in Bonne Bay South will be no more. The noise and exhaust pollution will drive the tourists away and drive the residents insane.

In closing, as residents, home and business operator's in Woody Point our lives and livelihood are at stake. We see no benefits for us or our community from oil exploration and development in or near Bonne Bay. We ask for your attention to our situation and reference the recommendations included in a letter you have received from Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador dated September 6, 2013 and hope you will consider their merits.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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