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Comments: *You are using 10 million gallons of groundwater per day. How will this effect the water availability for future generations? Will it effect the natural outflow and availability for the eco systems like plants, animals, birds, and quality of it? How about the human consumption needs and the local wells for individual homes as well as facilities be impacted to the degree that some wells will dry up?

*As you are using Cement paste to use as refill will it effect the ecosystem underground? For example as the earth is shifting occasionally how will the fissures and cracks be effecting the biology underground and above ground, especially during monsoons and floods?

*Since there will be tremendously increased traffic and noise how will it effect the residents and their quality of life? Will there be more accidents and injuries? How will children be protected from harm?

*Patagonia and the adjacent natural recreation sites will become a lesser healthy and positive Recreation experience. Will it not impact the attraction and diminish the value as a Destination site that will bring less dollars into the local economy, which might lead to closure of some businesses? The entire area is known for its pristine and undisturbed environment that individuals have used for their own personal healing and rehabilitation, as well as peaceful retirement. This project will change all of this, and tremendous damage will occur through road building and mining operations. Will it not change the entire culture of a fragile ecosystem which includes human habitation and education?

*The 24 hour operations will cause so much change in the natural environment including noise pollution, light pollution, water pollution, damage to trees, waterways, animal trails and migration, birds migration routes(will cause disorientation), human recreation areas will disappear or be severely damaged. Are the material gains from this project outweigh the entire damage that will occur?

*The economics will change dramatically with some businesses closing and poverty will increase more social needs which will effect the city resources negatively. How many people will leave the area once the project begins due to the negative impact on their wellbeing?

*How will the emergencies be handled occurring from chemical spills, physical injuries, fires, floods, extreme weather changes? Can the county handle the increased need of especially medical, fire stations, social needs?

*Will Patagonia and area loose its high quality of lifestyle, educational value which includes retirement, rehabilitation and healing, University studies(including Native SEEDS/Search and Borderlands restoration projects, pollinator habitat, international known Birding site, clean water with Sonoita Creek, Patagonia Lake and nearby wine vintage sites, Endangered Jaguar protection habitat) be known as an industrial pollution site in a very short period of time?

*How can you prevent the increase of psychological and social illnesses which are prevalent in industrial zones and impacted areas? Is there a plan to provide more healthcare providers?

*How can such a distinctive extreme impact on the environment be ever restored? Is there a longterm restoration project planned? Who will pay for it?