

Update: Gravel Mining, Alberta Coal Policy Committee, and a Talk on Australian Coal

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First, I want to thank those of you who responded to the Action Alert about gravel mining in the immediate vicinity of Big Hill Springs Provincial Park. Like many of you, AWA submitted a statement of concern about the application Mountain Ash Limited Partnership made to Alberta Environment and Parks. The company has applied for permission to "remove" (aka destroy) 13 wetlands to the northwest of the Park. If you're interested in seeing what AWA said, here's the link to our [statement of concern](#).

Second, AWA has tried, since the day the Alberta Coal Policy Committee delivered its two reports to Energy Minister Sonya Savage on December 29th, to push the provincial government to release them. To this end, several days ago [The Tyee](#) published an article I wrote about their release. Therein I argue that the delay in releasing those reports speaks more than just to coal - it speaks to the quality of democracy in Alberta. Here's a link to that [article](#).

Finally, some of you may remember Moira Williams as a speaker AWA invited last year to our series of Town Halls on coal mining. Moira is an Australian activist who, for nearly 10 years now, has been working to keep the coal located in Australia's Galilee Basin in the ground. The Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs has invited Moira to speak on the fight to end Australian coal mining. Her talk will be held on March 1, 2022 and you can get more details on that event [here](#).

Stay warm,

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