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To be fair, Vancouver-Little Mountain MLA Doug Mowat, who is a member of the board of internal economy which granted the perk to ex-MLAs, has expressed concern for the predicament of disabled drivers.

We will meet the minister of transportation and highways early this year in the hope that the generosity extended to MLAs will also be shown to disabled people.

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# Tsolum cleaning

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This letter is to inform you that the Comox Valley Chapter of the Steelhead Society of B.C. will not be

supporting Condor Earth Technologies' proposed demonstration project on Mount Washington to abate the acid mine drainage there by the use of microbes. This was decided at the Jan. 6th monthly meeting of the Society. Instead, the membership voted unanimously (some 25 members being present) to endorse and support the Ministry of Environment and Parks Consultant's (SRK) recommendation to abate the acid mine drainage at the dumpsite by covering the area with compacted till and if necessary with a synthetic membrane.

After your meeting with the Mount Washington Task Force in Nanaimo (made up of both provincial and federal government officials) in early December, you explained to the Steelhead members the outcome of this meeting: The Task Force felt that Condor's proposal needed more scientific research before it could be seriously considered. At this meeting in Courtenay you asked us (the Society) to write to you early in the New Year to instruct you whether or

not the Society would be supporting the Condor demonstration or the Government's proposal. As chairman of the Tsolum River Enhancement Committee of the Society I have been asked by the group to relate to you our firm decision to go with the Government.

This does not mean, however, that we feel the microbe technology is without merit. After the technology is researched further it may well be the ultimate solution to the acid mine generation problem in B.C. and North America. As a Society we encourage you, as the Government does, to do additional research with the Acid Mine Generation Task Force of the Government. There is every possibility that the Government will assist you financially in this research.

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