

Fargo Dam and Diversion,

Our immediate family has lived here for over a quarter of a century. We reside in a home which we moved onto our land eight years ago. Our seventeen year old daughter has lived with us here her whole life. If this diversion and dam are passed it will affect her opportunities for schooling and education.

My daughter's grandfather and great grandfather have lived and retired on this land. If this diversion/dam is built it is possible we will not be able to do the same.

For years, the value of our farmstead has increased, but because of plans to make our home the bottom of a lake, our home has become virtually worthless. Because of the diversion we can not sell now, nor want to move, and making improvements, would be fruitless. I would like to see how you would react if this was happening to you?

This will change retirement opportunities and at a higher cost. Selling our homestead would have been our retirement money for years to come. What are we suppose to do when it comes to the time we need to go to a nursing home and there is no money? We can't make any further home improvements because we don't know what our future holds. We already made numerous home and land improvements to increase our home value. Is this all for nothing? Are we going to receive reimbursement for the full worth of our land?

This will ruin our family and our livelihood. It will only divide our family and cause more stress. I pray that the people planning this will realize what a catastrophe this project will be and that there are other safer ways to handle the problem. Please don't let this happen!

Sincerely,
Brenda Sauvageau

