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Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 7:32 AM  
To: Allison MacEwen <AMacEwen@irac.pe.ca>  
Subject: DPMurphy Inc application PD527

Island Regulatory and Appeal Committee  
Attention: Allison MacEwen, Director

Subject: Opposition to the application of D.P Murphy inc docket number PD527 to build a retail gasoline outlet in Borden-Carleton

Dear Mr. MacEwen,

We are writing to express our deep concerns and Opposition to the application of D.P Murphy Inc docket number PD527 to build a retail gasoline outlet in Borden-Carleton.

Howatt's Tourist Mart and Shell has been in our family, passed on from multiple generations. My husband and I ran this business and as the mother and father who currently have two sons who are now the owners, we believe it is our duty to voice our genuine apprehensions.

First and foremost, we would like to emphasize that our sons have put their heart and soul into this business, serving our neighborhood diligently for several years. It has become an essential part of the community, offering not only fuel but also providing a convenient location for people to gather and grab necessary items. The introduction of another gas station in such close proximity would undoubtedly lead to direct competition, jeopardizing the livelihood of both of my sons, their families and their dedicated employees.

Moreover, the environmental impact of adding another gas station cannot be overlooked. Our current gas station complies with stringent environmental regulations and employs measures to ensure the safe handling and storage of fuel. Adding a new station nearby could lead to potential environmental hazards, as well as unnecessary traffic congestion in an already bustling area. IRAC, as a responsible entity, we urge you to consider the long-term consequences of this decision on our community. We understand that competition is a natural part of business, but introducing a new gas station in such close proximity to three already established ones would undoubtedly be detrimental to the livelihood of our families and the livelihoods of many others in the area.

We kindly request that you reevaluate this proposal to build a new gas station in our community. There are numerous other locations that might be more suitable and less detrimental to existing businesses and the overall well-being of the community. Not to mention, there is plenty of other business types that could help the local economy and serve an unmet need.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns and we hope that you will make the right choice. If you wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact us at shorelinecottages@yahoo.com

Sincerely,  
Mary and Doug Howatt  
Sent from my iPhone