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Dear Planning commission members,

As a resident of Whatcom county, I wanted to provide some thoughts I hope will be helpful to you prior to the September 12 Community Town Hall you will be hosting to discuss the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan. I have two main points I'd like you to consider.

1. By restricting opportunities for the fossil fuel facilities in Cherry Point, the global demand for energy will be met by other less efficient and less environmentally conscious global refineries. This means these local restrictions will actually make the global CO2 problem worse, not better. We need smarter regulation to incentivize the clean energy transition that the globe must make. This plan doesn't accomplish anything positive.
2. Given the poorly thought out global implications of this plan, global emissions will increase **and** Whatcom County will suffer the loss of high paying jobs and their associated benefits to the local community. This is unnecessary.

The better solution is to work with the industry to incentivize pro-active change so Whatcom County can lead the world in effective changes that prosper our residents and contribute to the global solution. This plan does the opposite. Please stop to think about what you are really doing if this plan is adopted and make a better choice for the residents of Whatcom County and the globe.

Thank you for your service.

Regards,

Dan