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To whom it may concern:

My name is Rob Chisholm. I'm a 32 year old programmer from Sydney, Australia. On March 10th this year, my wife and I will be arriving at Vancouver airport with our mountain bikes, gear, and a lot of money and enthusiasm to ride what's known around the world as some of the best mountain biking trails on the planet... the North Shore of Vancouver!

The North Shore has a legendary status down here in Australia where the mountain bike community is one of the densest in the world, thanks to our warm weather allowing for year-round riding. But as good as the riding is out here, the common consensus of the riders in Australia is to travel to the mecca of "freeriding" and the location of the legendary trails we constantly watch on videos, see on sports TV stations, amazed by the photos in magazines, and savour the images conjured up by the word-of-mouth reputation that the mountains of Fromme, Seymour, Cypress and surrounding areas create.

We know that there's riding in Whistler, and Squamish is putting a lot of money into developing the exploding tourist potential of mountain biking in their area, but these locations all come secondary to what we REALLY want, and that is to ride the birthplace of the world-wide phenomena of freeriding. And to us, that means Mt Fromme!

Our tickets have been booked months ago. So there's no changing our plans if the unthinkable happens (the trails removed from Mt. Fromme). But the repercussions of stripping the area of such a valuable resource of tourism will be felt around the mountain bike community worldwide, and probably none greater than the Australian contingent.

There is a good deal of money in mountain biking. Our equipment is expensive, we're constantly buying new gear, and we have a lot of disposable income. Please preserve our reason for travelling to North Vancouver so we can use our tourist dollars we've saved up for months so we can ride the best trails on the planet, which we consider you so lucky to have in your own backyard.

Sincerely,

Rob Chisholm
Sydney, Australia