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The editor:

If the anti Billboard people would show as much enthusiasm in stopping raw sewage from being poured into the ocean in West Vancouver as they do to stop the erection of bill boards on Native land, we should all be impressed and grateful.

However, being against Billboards, while being silent about raw sewage being poured into the ocean, also on Native land and without Native consent, not only appears to be biased but hypocritical if not racist .

We can all agree that Billboards reflect a dimension of our consumer society which most of us would like to disown. They are not exactly aesthetic monuments. But pouring raw sewage into the ocean is not exactly civilized either and it is far more insidious. Billboards may be unsightly but at least they are not harmful to our health.

Raw sewage, on the other hand while less visible then Billboards, contains deadly ammonia. It is harmful to all marine life and may well be connected to cancer in humans.

The Natives made yet another valid point. They said that, if we are so concerned about Billboards on Native land than why do we allow thousands of them in the Lower Mainland and not on Native land with hardly a squeak coming from the anti Billboarders.

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