

Soils study must be independent of both Inco and Falconbridge

Dear Editor:

Re: Protect the Soil Study — Sept. 17.

On the mining companies' willingness to pay for the study, it appears the province ordered them to pay. It looks good in the eyes of the public when the companies openly state they are willingly pay for the study, in contrast to being ordered to.

We should review the interpretation of the word independent. Inco and Falconbridge carry controlling power of the committee if they both refuse to vote on any issue. I know I am challenging the very good intentions of all the good citizens on the committees, but the companies should have input, but no say, on the wording or information in the final report of the Sudbury Soils Study.

I feel the public advisory committee should be part of the final say and this would remove any doubt about the companies' ability to influence the final outcome, especially regarding liabilities.

I believe *The Sudbury Star* needs to get all parties to one spot and clarify the issues to protect the soils study.

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