



**Agricultural Land Commission**  
133-4940 Canada Way  
Burnaby, British Columbia V5G 4K6  
Tel: 604-660-7000  
Fax: 604-660-7033  
www.alc.gov.bc.ca

August 31, 2005

Reply to the attention of Ron Wallace

John Dekleyne  
1821 Thatcher Road  
Nanaimo, BC V9X 1T3

Dear Sir:

**Re: Application #S-35910-1**  
**Lot 1, Section 8, Range 8, Cranberry District, Plan 22600**

Further to your letter of 15 May 2005, the Commission, acting under section 33 of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*, has reconsidered the above noted application.

Your letter requested reconsideration of your application on the grounds that the subject property is not suited to intensive livestock farming due to the opposition from the neighbours regarding smell, general aesthetics and the potential threat of contamination of groundwater by manure leaching into the aquifer. In addition, it was stated you would like to subdivide 2 ha off the property so you can sell the farm to generate funds to retire on the proposed home site.

The Commission reviewed all the information regarding the reconsideration request, including complaints concerning odour and other disturbances arising from the hog operation. With this new information the Commission recognizes that you have experienced some objections to your livestock farm practices. However, the Commission felt the subject property has significant potential for a wide variety of agricultural uses and therefore should be maintained at its present size.

For this reason, the Commission, by Resolution **#457/2005**, reconfirmed its decision to refuse subdividing 2 ha off the south-east corner.

The intent of the Act is to preserve and protect agricultural lands and farm communities in the long-term and the Commission truly felt that your application was not in keeping with this mandate. However, the Commission's previous decision by Resolution **#171/2005** stands.

The land referred to in the application will continue to be subject to the provisions of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and regulations.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

Erik Karlsen, Chair

cc Regional District of Nanaimo (#6625-04-0503)

RW/lv/35910d2

