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Staff Assessment

I, Karen Bell, am asking the Commission why were parts of the Staff assessment left unfinished or incomplete?

My concern is simple. Why did the surveys for the burrowing owl not fully follow the recommended methods?

Why were some surveys spaced farther apart than recommended? And one of the surveys was done outside the recommended time period!

I also have concerns about other species. Staff acknowledges two active Swainson's hawk nests within 1/2 mile of the project area. This is not acceptable. Even if the nests are moved, it is not proven the hawks would be okay. Staff also acknowledges that a full survey was not completed on the Crotch's Bumble. All farmers need those bees to pollinate their trees.

Please make sure the Staff Assessment is complete and reliable before deciding that the impacts to wildlife are less than significant. Before moving forward the Commission needs to require follow-up surveys, a clearer explanation of wildlife impacts and proof that the proposed protections will actually protect the species that use this area.

I believe the Lambie Industrial Area has already done this. Why can't Corby move there?