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After reading the Daphne Bramham opinion piece - "After 21 years, it's time for Jumbo decision" - printed in the Vancouver Sun on Saturday March 4, 2011, I felt it important to inform you of the glaring errors in Ms. Bramham's reporting:

1. The development is proposed for Qat'muk (Jumbo), which is a sacred area in the heart of Ktunaxa Territory. We as a Nation delivered a declaration to the Provincial Government outlining our opposition to further development in this sacred area. The phrasing in the piece stating "this is a claim denied by Shuswap Chief Paul Sam" is misleading and irrelevant to the piece. Only Ktunaxa can speak to what the Ktunaxa find sacred. Ktunaxa are a distinct people, and the phrasing chosen by Ms. Bramham leaves ambiguity and vagueness, which I find misleading to the casual reader who does not have knowledge of our region.
2. The piece stated "[then Minister], Kevin Krueger had recently concluded an agreement with the Ktunaxa first nation, which he had led Oberti to believe would clear the way for approval of Jumbo's master agreement." The fact of the matter is Ktunaxa Nation has never come to any agreement with any level of government or Minister in the matter of the proposed Jumbo Resort Development. Both the Provincial Government and Oberto Oberti are well aware that the Ktunaxa have never approved of this project. The Ktunaxa have always been opposed to the project due to the special and unique relationship that Ktunaxa have with this area. Further development in Qat'muk would critically impact our core values, and spiritual beliefs and practices as a people.

We have requested that the Vancouver Sun rectify these issues by printing a retraction in an upcoming issue. We have also invited Ms. Bramham to contact us directly in the future, to avoid the potential for spreading further mis-information to readers.

To learn more about the Qat'muk Declaration and Ktunaxa's unique connection to this special area, we encourage your readers to visit: [www.beforejumbo.com](http://www.beforejumbo.com)

Sincerely,

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