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Hello Josie, I used to work on the Cold Gold Clutha Dredge and would like to report to you some serious issues I have with this company.

I worked on the vessel for 5 months in Beaumont, and during that time was shocked at some of the things I witnessed. This company gives no crap about pollution and should not be allowed to operate on any river let alone the beautiful Clutha.

The attached photo is of their main hydraulic motor, which powers all hydraulics on the vessel. As you can see from my attached photos, their main sump for the motor is the Clutha River. The reason they have done this is to let air into the room as there is a big fan that sucks air out of the room through the radiator. A lot of oil leaks from the motor directly into the river!!! This was shocking to me and as someone who loves this river, I was pissed off.

Whenever we would vacuum the bilge, all contents were thrown overboard, as there is nowhere on board to store or hold any toxic fluids.

The refueling process is extremely hazardous to the environment, and on multiple different occasions I've heard stories of them pumping 1000's of litres of diesel directly into the Clutha.

The reason this happens is their fuel tank system is badly designed and if you forget to switch the transfer pump off when transferring fuel from one side to the other, it just keeps pumping until the fuel tank is full and it goes out the overflow/breather into the Clutha.

They have an egg timer you're supposed to set to remind you??.....

Also, there are 6 main fuel tanks that are Old 1000L HDPE plastic IBC [Intermediate Bulk Containers] **Which should not be used in this situation.**

They are supposed to remove the jetboat every time they refuel it. They don't.

The hydraulics leak constantly, sometimes for weeks straight onto the deck and in the Clutha.

The way they anchor their boat is extremely dangerous to anyone going up or down the river. They tie directly to both sides of the river, sometimes directly blocking it with steel cables strung across the river. As the anchors don't hold it.

They have no oil spill procedure and I don't even think the boats are under survey as they are supposed to be.... I have other stories but you get the idea of their complete lack of care...

I live in Luggate and there is no way I'm going to let these people pollute our river.

Please phone Olly if you have any questions.

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