



Editorial



Letters

Why get personal?

Editor Sir,

I have followed the controversy in the papers over logging, phone rates, electricity, landfills, dams, EIA's, prefeasibility studies, etc

Regardless of who is right and who is wrong, give me 60 seconds to point out something glaringly obvious. Every time controversy is broached, some employee of a capitalistic corporation poised to benefit from what is causing the controversy, starts bashing some poor environmentalist.

We, Citizens of Belize, want facts!

Big corporations and government, show us where the environmentalists are wrong. Give us the data to make our own educated opinions. Don't call names and waste our time by pointing fingers and accusing Meb Cutlack and Sharon Matola of being anti-development foreigners.

What I know of Mr Cutlack and Ms. Matola is that they are not born-Belizeans. They are not Spanish, Maya, Garifuna, or Creole. They are not employed by a corporation bent on development, and they do not stand to gain a single cent if the dam, landfill, city, or any other controversial project is built or not built.

In fact, it will not hurt them in the least if any of these projects which they have been fighting so tirelessly over for the past decade comes to be or not. They have nothing to gain! So you must ask yourself, If they have nothing to gain, they must "love" our "Jewel" much more than we do.

If they are willing to question and put up with abuse for no financial gain, they must be true heroes of our little Belize.

And please, in the future, do not insult our intelligence by stating that since their countries have ruined their environment, they should have no say in ours!

Signed: J. Sherrard