

Dear Fiona!

For last short period of time, we have repeatedly commented, write reviews decisions of the Aarhus Convention. Tragically once again have to talk about that in Kazakhstan there is no account of public opinion when discussing large projects such as the construction of the Kok-Zhailau. Public hearings held in 2014 on the construction of the Kok-Zhailau were carried out in violation of Article 6 of the Aarhus Convention. The public could not express their opinions, many wishing could not get to a hearing, many simply do not run into the venue. The state does not take into account public opinion that the project will harm the ecology of the city. At the same arguments in favor of this project is not convincing. Problems Bokeikhanov residents of the street are not even discussed in violation of national and international legislation. In the 50-60 years of the last century, our ancestors acquired ownership of land in an ecologically clean area of the city of Almaty. 2005 decision of the municipal authorities our homes are included in the industrial zone. We have no right to improve their living conditions, there is no right to take part in the discussion of the expansion of industrial enterprises, construction of new facilities. In the residential building under construction, developing small and medium businesses. In the budget of the city and the country receives taxes. But taxpayers are both residents. However, our interests are not taken into account. It is extremely difficult to obtain consideration of claims, even more difficult to achieve a just, lawful order of the court, and it is absolutely impossible to achieve its execution. Two years is not executed the judgment in respect of the chief sanitary doctor of Almaty. No special action by the court is not required to take, you only need to check, and this demand from the owners of industrial enterprises in the area to identify the boundaries of sanitary protection zones. Not only residents can not obtain the execution of the decision. Public authorities and fire supervisory can not achieve enforcement of the judgment to create firebreaks. Currently, the Supreme Court is pending our next complaint. The outcome is known in advance. Action is brought against the city environmental services. And in a dispute with the state residents are almost always lose. The complaint was filed regarding the illegal construction of a service station motor vehicles in residential areas. Since May 2014 conducted the suit, the main reason for going to court - residents deprived of access to information and decision-making process, public hearings were not held. Two years ago we had a hope of international organizations that we thought could change if not, then at least have a positive impact on the situation. However, to date we do not have such hope. In such a situation on the map Kazakhstan will be new "Kalachi", "Berezovka" and street Bokeikhanov.

Kind regards.

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