

Dear Courtney Trevis,

I am very concerned about the proposed Site C dam project.

The proposed project would have wide-ranging environmental financial impacts for all British Columbians, and all Canadians.

Financially, Site C electricity is not needed for domestic consumption. Residential and commercial customers in B.C. have actually reduced their power consumption since 2008, and the \$8Billion cost of the dam is stunningly high, and will be paid by all British Columbians. But worse, Site C electricity will be used to power the creation of liquified natural gas, which in itself is a huge source of additional atmospheric carbon whether burned here or in Asia. And if the liquified natural gas is used in the process of producing bitumen from the tar sands, it will enable the release of even more carbon into the atmosphere.

Given the huge, no longer ignorable effects that excess carbon is already having on our climate, the impact that the proposed dam would have on wetlands that support migratory bird flocks, and the impact on habitat for at-risk species such as grizzly bear and wolverine is almost secondary, despite their importance.

We need to move to a post-carbon economy, for all of our sakes, and for the sake of your children and grandchildren. We must move beyond easy business-as-usual "solutions", and start acting in own best interests.

We must stop the site C damn project.

Thank you
Michelle

Sincerely,
Michelle Baudais

Dear Courtney Trevis,

Hello, I am sending this letter today to stand in solidarity with all British Columbians who know of and are set against this proposed project. I am very concerned about the proposed Site C dam project in the fertile Peace River Valley.

Please explain to us how these insane projects are to our benefit and how they will lead us forward into sustainability.

Our needs are not your needs. We think into the future and see that this kind of project is a detriment to our children and our country. We are tired of being made to swallow these bitter pills.

The proposed project would have wide-ranging environmental, social and financial impacts both for the communities of the Peace River Valley and for all British Columbians.

Site C would flood more than 52 square kilometres of agricultural land, including B.C.'s only prime farmland north of Quesnel. Family farms that have been passed down for generations would be under water, and farmers would be forced to leave their productive land against their wishes. The loss of agricultural land combined with the losses of boreal forest, biodiversity and ecosystem services and functions including carbon sequestration are unacceptable risks that cannot be mitigated.

Site C would severely impact First Nations, flooding 78 First Nations heritage sites, including burial grounds and places of cultural and spiritual significance.

The proposed dam would eradicate wetlands that support migratory bird flocks and negatively impact at-risk species such as grizzly bear and wolverine. The loss of important wildlife corridors would contribute to genetic isolation and the potential loss of species.

Site C electricity is not needed for domestic consumption. Residential and commercial customers in B.C. have actually reduced their power consumption since 2008. The cost of Site C Dam to B.C. ratepayers and to our environment is simply too high.

Why don't you try surprising us with something that is sane and for the good of all.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Swallow