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To: Pacific Northwest LNG / GNL Pacific Northwest (CEAA/ACEE)

Subject: Re: Pacific Northwest LNG on Lelu Island

Dear Minister McKenna,

I have lived my entire life on the BC coast. At the moment there are innumerable mega-industrial projects proposed that would completely transform what has been loved as Supernatural BC: mega-pipelines, exponential oil tanker traffic, LNG plants and mega-LNG carriers sitting in English Bay, tens of thousands of fracking wells contaminating millions of gallons of formerly pristine water, expansions of salmon feedlots, new coal trains with shipments heading to Asia from an additional coal terminal, billions upon billions of dollars seeking to build mega-bridges and open the wonderful rich oyster of our province to exploit its riches REGARDLESS of the CUMULATIVE IMPACTS of ALL these projects.

What is mentioned in the PNW LNG Draft Environmental Assessment Report of cumulative impacts in fact has nothing at all to do with the actual industrial cumulative impacts now being planned for BC – nothing to do with how an LNG plant would add to existing cumulative impacts. The word is used merely for its spin value, virtually meaningless.

This PNW LNG project is one sole project, and like the Fractured Land that fracking involves, so too do government policies seem fractured, only ever dealing with one + one + one project, NEVER taking an overview or concerning itself with the collective assault on our natural heritage. To speak of "cumulative impacts" for a sole project is ludicrous.

It is beyond me why either industry or government would consider locating a mega-development like the Pacific Northwest LNG in the Skeena River estuary.

It is as though the second largest salmon-producing river in Canada matters not, nor its having supported First Nations fisheries on the coast and upriver for at least 5,000 years. This is an exceptionally magnificent river system and watershed and to risk its abundant salmon runs is blindness.

It is well established that industrial activity in estuaries reduces salmon survival. As described in the Lelu Declaration, both ancestral knowledge and modern science confirms that Flora and Agnew Banks are critical to the future abundance of the wild salmon that communities and wildlife rely on.

Wildlife! Does the word occur in the draft Assessment?

Any support for an LNG plant at Lelu Island would necessarily entail an automatic simultaneous green lighting of increased fracking with its concomitant destruction of our fresh water resources, adding more gas pipelines, and launching a fleet of LNG carriers – thereby embarking on at least three decades of massive investment in the fossil fuel industry. Is this what COP 21 was all about?

The buck stops here?

To green light LNG and fracking is to ignore the future of earthquakes:

CBC News: "Fracking triggered 2014 earthquake in northeastern B.C. -- one of world's largest ever triggered by hydraulic fracturing" By Betsy Trumpener, Aug 26, 2015 "B.C.'s Oil and Gas Commission

confirmed the cause of the earthquake in an email statement to CBC this week, saying it was ‘triggered by fluid injection during hydraulic fracturing.’”

Who has some imagination on this coast where a future massive earthquake is all but certain, and so little is known how seismic activity in one place is related to seismic activity 1000 km away?

Where will this end? Who UNDERSTANDS these matters so expertly? Why ignore ‘what we don’t yet know’? There seems no mindfulness of the precautionary principle.

To build one of the largest LNG plants in the estuary of one of the greatest salmon-bearing rivers in the world is reckless obliviousness. Industry has come to whitewash what has ever been regarded as unthinkable as business as usual. The Skeena Estuary is the HEART of the Skeena River.

It is beyond imagining to comprehend how the Liberal government can countenance the Harper-written CEAA 2012 by using it to assess industrial projects. The CEAA 2012 is a travesty of Canada’s Environmental Assessment processes, created to do the bidding of the oil industry:

“Ottawa to slash environment review role -- Critics accuse Tories of 'abdicating' government's responsibility to protect environment" – CBC April 2012 “...the measures were immediately condemned by opposition MPs and environmental groups, which said the Harper government's push for ‘streamlining’ was merely code for gutting Canada's environmental assessment process.”

Invest in Renewable Energies, Not MORE DECADES of Fossil Fuels!

"By investing \$15 billion a year in renewable energy, energy efficiency, public transit and high-speed rail, the government could reduce emissions by more than 25 per cent while creating one million jobs over the next five years." bit.ly/1LXs0iM

What GREEN FUTURE exactly does the Liberal Party envision for Canada? How can this party be certifying fossil fuel proposals that result in mega-CO2-and-methane-emissions for at least three decades at the same time as it professes to curb exactly those emissions?

Yes, it is very difficult to say NO to the oil and gas lobbies! Bite the bullet! The BUCK MUST STOP with the Liberals!

Begin by REQUIRING every company investing in fossil fuel projects to invest at least an equivalent 50% of the value of that investment into solar, geothermal, or wind (or other truly sustainable renewable energy: not Hydro).

Simply put, this project is completely incompatible with any realistic notion of Canada meeting its international obligations to keep global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees; a direct contradiction to the reconciliation the new federal government has been espousing since it arrived in Ottawa; and a major threat to the health and wellbeing of the land, sea, and communities of the Great Bear Rainforest.

I urge you to reject this proposal.

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