

Note: The following form letter was submitted by 109 individuals (listed on the following pages) as part of a letter writing campaign to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada.

To The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada,

Changing the exclusion zone for sea lions and seals from 7.32 km to just 125 m would allow marine life in Howe Sound to be exposed to noise as loud as the sound cannons police use to disperse crowds.

Preventing injury should not be the bar for noise limits. Noise higher than 160 decibels may not actually split these animals' ears but it could still cause serious stress or long-term damage.

Steller sea lions are a species of special concern and Howe Sound is a UNESCO biosphere reserve. Extra care must be taken to avoid impacts to marine life here, not cutting corners on conditions meant to protect the environment.

Water quality is also important to marine life like sea lions and seals. Only requiring Woodfibre to take action to protect human health when pollutants exceed guidelines risks exposing marine mammals to dangerous chemicals.

Woodfibre LNG chose the site for its project knowing it had historic contamination and they would have to take responsibility for it. The Impact Assessment Agency should not limit the company's requirements to report and remedy any spills or sediment to that caused by the project itself.

Woodfibre LNG has had its permits for almost seven years and is only now finding these conditions insurmountable. Its original conditions are not overly onerous, the company is simply looking to cut corners — and costs — to make its project economically viable.

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