

April 29, 2016

The Right Honourable Prime Minister Trudeau
Parliament Buildings
Ottawa, Ontario Canada
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Re: Woodfibre LNG Project in Howe Sound, BC

Dear Mr. Trudeau:

The undersigned municipalities have each passed resolutions expressing our concerns that this project represents a step toward re-industrializing our iconic Howe Sound - a vital public amenity and an invaluable recreational asset for the whole Vancouver area. The Sound is, as you know, part of the Whistler corridor and a major tourist attraction and contributor to BC's economy.

Our major concerns with the Woodfibre LNG proposal include:

- the threat to the safety & security of our citizens and their property represented by the unregulated passage of LNG tankers transiting a narrow, crowded waterway lined with significant human populations. Were U.S. LNG safety and security regulations to operate in Canada, this location would not be permitted;
- the potential damage to the marine life of the Sound represented by the plant's proposed once-through seawater cooling system (OTC). Because of the extensive damage OTC causes to marine life, several U.S. states have required coastal power plants to employ alternative technologies.

This is not the first time that communities all along the shipping route from Howe Sound to the Pacific have expressed strong opposition to LNG supertankers in their waters. In 2008, Powell River Regional District brought a resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities to ban these tankers in Georgia Strait, where it passed. Councils and RD's we have contacted believe that resolution to be still in effect. As you stated many times in your recent campaign, "even though governments grant permits, only communities grant permission".

We are strongly of the opinion that the Sound should not again be put at risk of being returned to the environmentally-degraded state resulting from an earlier period of industrialization. We are not confident that the conditions in your approval represent sufficient safeguards to eliminate that possibility. Accordingly, we cannot accept the project as currently proposed.

We hope that you will re-consider your permitting of this facility and stop the re-industrialization of Howe Sound. In the longer term, we would wish to discuss restrictions on the regular transit of Hazardous & Noxious Substances (HNS) through Howe Sound. Should the proposed facility be built, we request that we be involved in monitoring the 122 conditions included in the Minister's Decision Statement of March 17, 2016.

Yours very truly

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