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RE: Open Letter on Canada-Alberta MOU [Updated]

Civil Society Organizations across Canada Oppose West Coast Oil Pipeline and Tankers

We are civil society organizations across Canada working to secure a safe climate system, a healthy environment and communities, protect marine and freshwater and uphold Indigenous rights and sovereignty.

We reject new fossil fuel pipelines. There is no “good” route for Alberta’s proposed new million-barrel-a-day bitumen pipeline. It is not in the national interest to pursue a project that pits province against province, runs roughshod over Indigenous rights, and puts local economies and coastal and marine ecosystems at risk.

We stand with Coastal First Nations who oppose a northwest coast crude oil pipeline and tankers project. The north Pacific coastal ecosystem is globally significant and a major economic driver in the region. The waters oil tankers would navigate are treacherous and the consequences of a catastrophic oil spill are unacceptable. The Oil Tanker Moratorium Act is the result of decades of work by Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities to protect the marine environment and stands as a legal symbol of Crown-Indigenous reconciliation. A north coast oil pipeline and tanker traffic would undermine Canada’s commitment to reconciliation.

A pipeline routed through the south of B.C. would risk extinction to the critically endangered Southern Resident Orcas. A southern route would also cross Indigenous territories, including Nations who have not supported pipeline development, as well as more densely populated communities and urban areas.

Historically, Quebec has always been a bulwark against the expansion of Canadian fossil fuels by stopping projects such as Énergie Est or LNG Québec. However, today, the province is once again under pressure from this industry, which is pushing to impose another LNG project. From West to East, the movement against pipeline expansion is organized, in solidarity against oil and gas companies’ projects and the environmental deregulation of the federal government.

Any new oil pipeline would:

- Risk devastating consequences to the economy, communities, fisheries and wildlife from a catastrophic oil spill
- Disrupt ecosystems and risk the survival of threatened and endangered species, from the woodland caribou to the orcas and the salmon they depend on
- Put Canada’s climate and nature targets even further out of reach
- Distract Canada from the energy transition and from investing in real climate competitiveness



A pipeline makes no sense – there is no private proponent without government subsidies, no long-term market, no plan, and no consent from impacted Nations.

A decade ago Canada tried a grand bargain with Alberta. The government bought the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMX) in exchange for Alberta's ineffective carbon pricing system, which Premier Smith then further weakened. The Canada-Alberta Implementation Agreement is *deja vu*.

We reject the notion that this represents a bargain in any way.

- The Pathways CCUS project would not offset the emissions from expanded production necessary to fill a new or expanded bitumen pipeline.
- A strong industrial carbon price is a valuable emissions reduction policy, but the changes to carbon pricing facilitated by the MOU have weakened the overall system. The new carbon pricing regime will not offset an increase in emissions from increased oil and gas production.
- Taxpayers have paid \$40 billion into the purchase and construction of TMX. We do not accept more taxpayer subsidies for oil and gas facilities or for carbon capture.

This isn't nation-building – it's nation betraying: A betrayal of our children's future, a betrayal of Indigenous Peoples, and a betrayal of Canadians who overwhelmingly continue to support climate action.

Canadians want clean energy, affordable housing, and clean transportation. Not another pipeline.

Signatories:

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Action boréale

Action-environnement Basses-Laurentides (AEBL)

Alliance du personnel professionnel et technique de la santé et des services sociaux (APTS)

AQME

Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale (AQOCI)

Attac Québec

BC Great Blue Heron Society

Broombusters Invasive Plant Society

Burnaby Residents Opposing Kinder Morgan Expansion (BROKE)

Calgary Climate Hub

Canada's Clean50

Canadian Association Of Physicians For The Environment

Canadian Association of the Club of Rome (CACOR)

Canadian Environmental Law Association

Canadian Interfaith Fast For the Climate

Canadian Voice Of Women For Peace

Change Course

Chase Environmental Action Society



Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada
Climate Action for Lifelong Learners (CALL)
Climate Action Network Canada - Réseau action climat Canada
Climate Action Now! North Okanagan
Climate Action Partnership
Climate Convergence Metro Vancouver
Climate Emergency Unit
Climate Justice Saskatoon
Climate Messengers
ClimateFast
Coalition climat Montréal
Coalition For Responsible Energy Development In New Brunswick (CRED-NB)
Communities Protecting our Coast
Conférence religieuse canadienne
Conseil central du Montréal métropolitain-CSN
Conservancy Hornby Island
David Suzuki Foundation
Decolonial Solidarity
Dogwood
East Coast Environmental Law
Eau Secours
Ecojustice
Ecology Action Centre
Environmental Defence Canada
Équiterre
Faith & Climate Action
Fédération des associations étudiantes du campus de l'Université de Montréal (FAÉCUM)
Fondation coule pas chez nous
Fondation Rivières
For Our Kids
Friends Of The Earth Canada
Friends of the Qualicum Beach Forest
Front commun pour la transition énergétique
Georgia Strait Alliance
GMob (GroupMobilisation)
Grandmothers Act To Save The Planet (GASP)
Green 13
Greenpeace Canada
L'R des centres de femmes du Québec
La planète s'invite aux parlements
Laudato Si Committee Archdiocese of Moncton, NB



Laudato Si' Team, Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish, Ottawa
Leadnow
Les AmiEs de la Terre
Les AmiEs de la Terre de Québec
Les enjeux de l'insecticide Bti sur la biodiversité
Mères au front
Mères au front Baie-Comeau
Mères au front Rouyn-Noranda
Ministry for Social Justice, Peace, and Creation Care - Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto
Mobilisation environnement Ahuntsic-Cartierville
Mouvement écocitoyen UNEplanète
Mouvement Laudato Si' Movement - Canada
Nature Québec
Non à une marée noire dans le Saint-Laurent
North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE)
Ocean Friendly Port Alberni (OFPA)
Oil Change International
Ontario Clean Air Alliance
Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign
Pastorale sociale - Diocèse Montréal (cath rom)
Plant-Based Cities Movement
Protect the Planet
Rainforest Action Network
RAVEN
Re•Generation
Regenerate BC
Regroupement des éco-quartiers
Regroupement Vigilance Mines de l'Abitibi et du Témiscamingue (REVIMAT)
Réseau des femmes en environnement
Réseau québécois de l'action communautaire autonome (RQ-ACA)
Réseau québécois des groupes écologistes
Rimouski en transition
Sacred Earth
Saskatchewan Coalition for Sustainable Development
Save Estuary Land Society
Sectoral Climate Arts Leadership for the Emergency (SCALE)
Seniors For Climate - Canada
Seniors For Climate Action Now! (SCAN)
SFPQ
Shift: Action
Sierra Club Canada



SkeenaWild Conservation Trust
Solidarité Environnement Sutton
Solidarité Gaspésie
South Fraser Unitarian Congregation
Stand.Earth
Surfrider Foundation Canada
The Climate Reality Project Canada
The Office of Religious Congregations for Integral Ecology (ORCIE)
Transition Capitale-Nationale
TRegina Mundi Church Green Team
Unitarian Universalists of the Salish Sea - Social and Environmental Justice Circle
West Coast Climate Action Network
West Coast Environmental Law Association
West Kootenay Climate Club
West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative
Wilderness Committee
Wildsight
WILPF Canada
Windfall Ecology Centre
Youth Climate Save Canada
Zero Waste BC