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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 7:51 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, LBR LBR:EX; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** Site C  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

Premier Horgan,

I am dismayed by your decision to continue constructing the Site C dam.

The reasons you gave for your decision, as reported in the *Globe*, are perplexing.

If the cost to terminate the project is too high, won't the costs to support it become higher? (Costs to terminate are known, aren't they, but costs to build have increased and are reportedly expected to increase further.)

If some revenue from what the dam produces is to support farming, won't that further increase costs to ratepayers later, if electricity must be sold at rates below cost?

The idea that you can make amends to First Nations for injustices in the past, while piling on this new injustice, makes no sense, especially given the loss of trust in your government that your Site C decision has produced.

You opted to continue Site C construction while you considered its future, and are partially responsible for taking Site C "beyond the point of return." The months spent suggest that you were not up on the file before being elected.

Further, Site C was reportedly approved by the Liberal government to support natural gas and LNG production, an election idea apparently not thought through. If fossil fuel promotion is still the purpose, what happens to the requirement to reduce GHG emissions? If not, what is this electricity for?

The province urgently needs to lower GHG emissions, to deal with climate change, and to make just arrangements with First Nations. Electricity can be provided in other places and in other ways. Employment opportunities do not require this project.

Please reverse your support for Site C and create a vision in which British Columbians can be engaged in meaningful work to provide quality lives for all.

Thank you,

I look forward to your response.

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## Dams for Dilbit: How Canada's New Hydro Dams Will Power Oil Pipelines

By James Wilt • Wednesday, January 10, 2018 - 11:50

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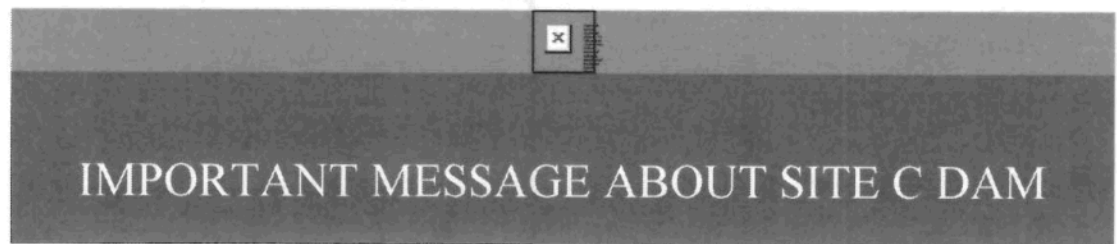
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**From:** Real Site C Hearings <sitec@realhearings.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 20, 2017 11:10 AM  
**To:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Why you should cancel Site C

**Categories:** Batch - Real Site C Hearings



Dear Honourable Carole James,

The BC government's decision to continue with the construction of Site C dam will go down in history as a terrible decision by the NDP and will seriously jeopardize the future of the party.

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Many of the citizen of British Columbia trusted their vote to you with the understanding that Site C dam would be cancelled. You campaigned on the initiatives found in your proposed Power BC program and we support and encourage you to uphold these promises. Following through on retrofitting, updating existing energy infrastructure and developing renewables makes sense and paves the way for a bold, forward looking future for our province let by your government.

The evidence provided by the BCUC is very clear - cancelling the project is the best option for present and future generations of British Columbians. By cancelling Site C, British Columbia will position itself as a province led by a government of visionary, progressive thinkers, who embrace new technologies and value fiscally responsible decision-making.

This is what I want for our province. I hope your actions will allow us to be the change that I believe you and all British Columbians want to see. Otherwise, this will likely be the last time we ever see the NDP form government in BC.

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## MY COMMENT ON SITE C DAM

My concerns about the huge mistake of deciding to proceed with Site C have been based on information from BCUC, Marc Eliesen and many others. Occasionally, there is mention of geological challenges and the costs that they have incurred; there is also mention of the fact that these challenges could likely continue.

Perhaps it would be advantageous for this government to look more fully at this problem and announce that it has become a reason to discontinue the environmental devastation, insult to First Nations and financial irresponsibility. Actually, can you imagine a \"Mount Polley\" event at Site C?

At the same time that the project discontinuation is announced, perhaps it could be announced that investments that would go nowhere on Site C will be diverted to investments in geothermal activity. The unions would be happy with that change, the environment would benefit and First Nations could prosper.  
(<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/10/17/geothermal-would-create-15-times-more-permanent-jobs-site-c-panel-told-bcuc-hearings-draw-close>)

I so hope this government comes to its senses!

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(PVEA)

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**To:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX  
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### IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT SITE C DAM

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The government made its decision based on false information. Eoin Finn, a retired partner of KPMG, one of the world's largest auditing firms, said Premier John Horgan's claim that terminating Site C would result in an almost immediate 12 per cent hydro rate hike is the "worst rationale I've heard since 'the dog ate my homework'" excuse. Finn, along with U.S. energy economist Robert McCullough and Harry Swain, a retired bank president with expertise in project financing, told DeSmog Canada that standard accounting practice for utilities like BC Hydro is to write off the costs of a discontinued project over many years. The former CEO of BC Hydro has said the same thing. Whoever you are relying on for financial analysis is most certainly in the minority, and very likely has a stake in the project.

Secondly, you have put (false) economic interests ahead of indigenous rights. Your government continues the legacy of all preceding governments in Canada. This alone should stop the project. How can you say you are for indigenous rights while trampling on those who oppose this project?

Thirdly, energy generation and distribution is undergoing a massive transition around the world. Your decision flies in the face of this trend; it is highly likely the project will cost far more jobs and cost us far more than you can even imagine. This decision will continue to destabilise families that are torn apart when workers have to travel long distances to find decent work rather than build energy generation and energy conservation infrastructure closer to home.

In conclusion I see this decision as being bad economics, bad for renewable energy, bad for first nations and bad for families.

I call on the government to do its homework and reverse its decision.

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**Subject:** NDP Government's Site C Math a Flunk, Say Project Financing Experts  
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# NDP Government's Site C Math a Flunk, Say Project Financing Experts

By Sarah Cox

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 17, 2017 4:34 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bowinn.Ma@leg.bc.ca; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** UPDATED: Site C Dam Approval Violates Basic Human Rights, Says Amnesty International | DeSmog Canada  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/11/breaking-site-c-dam-approval-violates-basic-human-rights-says-amnesty-international>

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**To:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX  
**Cc:** Galen, Sierra Club BC; pveacoordinator@gmail.com  
**Subject:** SITE C math  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

Hello Premier and Ministers,

Your recent announcement to allow the SITE C dam project to proceed for financial reasons didn't wash with me; but, after reading the comments by E. Finn, R. McCullough, and H Swain, I am now totally incensed!!! <https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/15/ndp-government-s-site-c-math-flunk-say-project-financing-experts>  
I request that you make public a copy of the financial details you used to make your decision.

I now promise to hound all of you, until this is done or you reverse this decision, and cancel the SITE C dam project.

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 16, 2017 6:09 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bowinn.Ma@leg.bc.ca; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** B.C. Coughs Up Fracking Report Four Years Late and Only After It Was Leaked to Journalist | DeSmog Canada  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

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**Subject:** B.C. Government Failing to Keep Data on Freshwater Resources Amid Fracking, Forestry Frenzy: Report | DeSmog Canada  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/11/21/b-c-government-failing-keep-data-freshwater-resources-amid-fracking-forestry-frenzy-report>

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**Subject:** Here's the correct Site C math, folks. Read it, act, and save your souls.  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/15/ndp-government-s-site-c-math-flunk-say-project-financing-experts>

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**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bowinn.Ma@leg.bc.ca; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** The Site C Dam: a Timeline | DeSmog Canada  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/11/site-c-dam-timeline>

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**From:** s.22  
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**Subject:** Re: Site C  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

Your premier has made the wrong decision on Site C.

To the extent that you have failed to hold up the progressive socially responsible values which require you to oppose Site-C or overtly support his decision you are complicit.

I call on you to summon what residual traces of honour and integrity may yet reside within you and do whatever you can to reverse the Site-C decision.

When WAC built his dam, the people of Fort Chip and surrounding area were double-zapped and stripped of their livelihood from the land.

While filling the dam, they illegally reduced the permitted release-rates to the extent that the water level in Lake Athabasca dropped by 4-5 feet.

The trappers were seriously slammed since all the critters were left high and dry. Many of them had to give up trapping and move to town.

Attempts were made to reduce the fill-rate of the dam by releasing more water but Bennett told Alberta&Feds&Indians all to fuck off.

A couple years later some defect in the dam required the release of a bunch of water to lower the reservoir level to make repairs. Again, WAC didn't give a shit about the downstream impacts - which around Lake Athabasca amounted to a 3-4 foot rise in water level - flooding out the critters and most of the remaining trappers packed it in and moved to town.

Even if your position is to not give a fuck about what happens to people (and Indians that the NDP nominally claims to take into account) there are major negative ecological effects of doing the damn dam thing \_again\_.

[http://e360.yale.edu/features/canadas\\_great\\_inland\\_delta\\_precarious\\_future\\_looms](http://e360.yale.edu/features/canadas_great_inland_delta_precarious_future_looms)

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On Dec 10, 2017 9:29 PM, "s.22

> wrote:

OK you "public servants"

You have made plenty of noise about accountability and feigned ethical/moral/intellectual integrity while in opposition.

Now that you have the opportunity and power to prove your integrity and honourability, you are frittering away your goodwill and appear to be collapsing into Lieberaldom

Site-C is a simple test.

It was approved under false pretenses.

A decisive and final decision to terminate construction immediately and then plans to redeploy the workers so they can keep making their truck and toy payments is unequivocally the correct decision - if not the Right(ist) decision.

Surely you aware of the baaaad precedents of the damn-damns in at Keeyask and Muskrat Falls!

Get on with it!

We have already experienced the NDP in Oilberta being captured by the Deep Oil State

Political expediency and collusion with back-room-boys is not what the NDP needs to be about. If you only get one term, and you do some serious ass-kicking (instead of ass-kissing) so be it.

Best regards,

## Minister, FIN FIN:EX

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Friday, December 15, 2017 1:55 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bowinn.Ma@leg.bc.ca; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** NDP Government's Site C Math a Flunk, Say Project Financing Experts | DeSmog Canada  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 9:09 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: Site C  
  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

Further to my original email:

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/11/15/b-c-flooding-farmland-site-c-economic-folly>

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 8:06 PM  
**To:** Premier@gov.bc.ca; FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca; EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca  
**Subject:** Site C

Dear Honorable Members,

I am writing to request that you and cabinet decide to CANCEL any further work on Site C Dam and begin remediating the site.

I believe that there is compelling evidence, financial, environmental, moral and practical, to stop this project. I am sure that you all have carefully examined and taken into account all the information that is available, as have many British Columbians.

It cannot be denied that this project is not needed to supply power to our province. Beyond that simple fact, continuing would trample on the rights of indigenous people, destroy valuable farmland within the context of

how fragile our food supply system may become in years ahead, and leave British Columbians with a higher debt AND higher power costs.

Be bold, brave and visionary, do what is in the interests of the citizens of this province and not the interests of large corporations.

Thanks for your courage and integrity to do what is necessary.

Best regards,

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## Minister, FIN FIN:EX

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 11:34 AM  
**To:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX  
**Subject:** Site C - Please say NO

**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

Dear BC Cabinet:

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Date: Fri, Dec 8, 2017 at 11:26 AM

Subject: Site C - Please say NO

To: [rob.fleming.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:rob.fleming.mla@leg.bc.ca), [premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:premier@gov.bc.ca), [michelle.mungall.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:michelle.mungall.MLA@leg.bc.ca),

[Carole.James.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Carole.James.mla@leg.bc.ca), [george.heyman.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:george.heyman.MLA@leg.bc.ca)

Cc: [john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca), [%20FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:%20FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear BC Cabinet:

Maybe it is too late, but I'd like to add my voice to the Site C debate. Please say no for the following reasons:  
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the costs will hit us hard. Hydro rates will go up, perhaps double to cover the debt. \$7B+ of the Site C cost may never be recovered and become our debt.

2) Although this web site is dedicated to a "no," Harry Swain has made excellent points regarding need and cost.

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/09/21/what-205-page-bcuc-report-site-c-dam-actually-said>

3) Transmission costs and the principle of close-to-home generation. We continue to generate electricity far north and east of our population base and other sites of high demand. Germany has a policy of regional electricity self-sufficiency that we need to adopt. Generation closer to the user will create a more resilient system in light of extreme weather, fire and earthquake hazards, when there is less reliance on long-distance transmission including undersea cables. How many solar PV panels or wind turbines could be purchased for even the repair cost of a major transmission line break, not to mention the cost of lost work and productivity? The closest-to-home generation is solar PV on-site or via microgrids, largely in interior cities and sunnier places such as Victoria. BC Hydro-financed small scale generation can more efficiently offset high voltage big grid infrastructure.

4) Alternatives may have problems with intermittency, storage and load management, but BC is well positioned to manage uncertainties. There are many storage options such as using hydro dams as batteries, and blockchain computer software is improving management systems. When intermittent sources are generating a lot of electricity we can sell surplus hydro power south or east. New alternatives can be implemented in small steps using today's cheaper money rather than spending more expensive tomorrow's money decades from now to pay for mega projects. A US-style PACE program may not be feasible with our low electric rates, but concerted local investments in our sunnier and windier areas will offset demand and be cheaper than Site C debt financing. What percentage of Site C debt could purchase solar PV panels for 25% of sunny urban roofs? Where are the best opportunities to take rural and remote communities off diesel electric generation amortized over 30-50 year life of alternatives?

- 5) First Nations relations and legal costs. Invest in treaty agreements, not lawyers and court costs. Where are geothermal or other renewable partnerships attainable?
- 6) Agricultural Impact. California will continue to burn and we'll need that land in the Peace to grow food. The cost of food will rise due to increased
- 7) Environmental Impact. Well documented.
- 8) The Peace now has better infrastructure that can be used for economic development. Not all expenditure will be wasted.

Thanks for your attention to act with a progressive intelligent NO to Site C.

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**Subject:** Choose the future, cancel Site C  
  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

Mr. Premier,

I implore you to find the courage to make what is a very difficult decision in the short term in return for a legacy of hope and justice for all of Canada to follow.

These two links express my sentiments best and outline the multitude of reasons not to proceed with the Site C completion.

They also offer tangible solutions for creating much needed and long term jobs in the regions most affected.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/cancelling-site-c-will-be-a-tough-pill-to-swallow-but-alternatives-are-harsher/article37193233/?cmpid=rss1>

[https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/01/site-c-decision-will-be-made-any-day-now-what-hell-going?utm\\_source=DeSmog+Canada+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=7f41992689-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2017\\_11\\_29&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f6a05fddeb8-7f41992689-103227199](https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/01/site-c-decision-will-be-made-any-day-now-what-hell-going?utm_source=DeSmog+Canada+Newsletter&utm_campaign=7f41992689-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_11_29&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f6a05fddeb8-7f41992689-103227199)

Regards,

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**Cc:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; info@bcgreens.ca  
**Subject:** Site C dam

**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

To: Honourable John Horgan, Premier <[Premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Premier@gov.bc.ca)>

CC: Honourable Carole James, Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier <[FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources <[EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
BC Green Party <[info@bcgreens.ca](mailto:info@bcgreens.ca)>

Premier Horgan

I'm a BC citizen and have donated to both your party and the Green party of BC. I strongly opposed the Liberals' determination to advance the Site C dam, as well as their immoral push to advance and expand the oil and gas industry's hold on BC, in the face of the crisis of climate change. I was hugely relieved and pleased when you and Andrew Weaver struck a supply and confidence agreement and managed to displace the Liberals from power, where they have, especially under Christy Clark, pushed an unthinking strategy of ignoring climate change and environmental issues, to attempt a massive expansion of the fossil fuel industry. At the same time, they actively stifled the potential for the wind and geothermal industries in BC, to my understanding.

It is my perception that the main argument for the Site C dam was to provide the power needed to fuel a burgeoning LNG industry, which thankfully has failed to progress. In honesty, there is no good economic argument to support Site C, and there never was. The strategy of building this mega project, on the backs and wallets of BC taxpayers, to be exploited by private industry, was never ethical or just. The Liberal's past energy minister, Bennett, was quoted in the Globe and Mail in February last year, stating that BC didn't need federal infrastructure money to expand clean energy projects, because BC's electricity needs hadn't increased in the past 8 years. I fail to understand, then, in the face of stable demand, and with the availability of much more readily deployable and inexpensive options from in clean renewable energy (in wind, geothermal, solar, etc), as well as from implementation of energy-efficiency strategies, how there is felt to be any argument at all for going forward with the Site C Dam.

All independent third party economic evaluations I have read about fail to support Site C moving ahead. The costs have been steadily expanding over time, and who knows truly where they may end? These enormous costs must be set against the rapidly falling costs of implementing more readily deployable, and more swiftly evolving and improving, newer methods of green energy production. The billions sunk even further into the outdated mega dam must be weighed against the opportunity costs of not supporting innovation and growth in the renewable energyband energy storage systems and businesses of the future. The specific narrow placement of resources and jobs in one region of the province must be weighed against the opportunity cost of not expanding green energy and storage jobs provincially.

Look at the debacle of the highly contentious Muskrat Falls project, and look at the speed and efficiency with which Elon Musk and Tesla deployed the world's largest grid scale battery in Australia, and explain how you can justify pouring billions of dollars of taxpayer moneys into the slow moving, over budget, engineering-

challenged, and equally contentious Site C Dam at this point in history!? There simply is no good argument for this.

I am worried too, about the environmental impacts you may not have adequately accounted for. Again, in the Globe and Mail, just in November this year, was an article about the deterioration in Canada's largest national park, next door in Alberta, Wood Buffalo National Park, which has sparked concern by the International Union on the Conservation of Nature. The article stated: "Upstream dam construction, including the Site C dam in British Columbia, is changing the processes, navigability and vegetation in the Peace-Athabasca Delta at the southeast corner of the park, the IUCN says, and the expanding Alberta oil sands pose the threat of accidental and long-term discharges of toxic material, including petroleum products." Separately, I have read that large reservoirs are not as green as we may think, and that they are a large source of GHG emissions through methane release from decomposing drowned plant materials. Here is a link to one such article, which sites the work of Washington State University research Bridget Deemer: <https://www.desmog.ca/2016/10/05/hydro-reservoirs-produce-way-more-emissions-we-thought-study>. I worry, too, about the loss of agricultural land in the North, at a time when climate change is threatening agricultural lands and food security. We should not be drowning farmland anywhere in the province, if we are not forced to.

In short, there seems to be no good economic argument for this project, the price tag of which just keeps rising. There is no good environmental argument for it, as cheaper and less harmful options exist. There are alternate options for employment, and there will be jobs in the short term, just in remediation of the damage done. BC's employment rate is not suffering currently, so there is no imperative to prioritize industrial jobs above all other interests.

We have really not done much work, provincially, on the energy efficiency front. Quoting from Dr. Ryan Mieli's platform on energy leadership for Saskatchewan (Dr Mieli is running for the NDP leadership in Saskatchewan), "The cleanest and cheapest energy is the energy we don't use." Please have a look at his platform also, and draw strength and inspiration from it. BC could really use the billions of dollars that would otherwise be sunk into this mega project to instead rapidly expand the infrastructure for active transit and commuting. If your government rapidly builds out walking, cycling, and public transit infrastructure, this would not only reduce GHG emissions, but would also reduce road congestion by reducing drivers; would improve health and reduce healthcare costs by reducing obesity and chronic disease, air pollution, stress and anxiety, and MVA accident rates; and would reduce road repair and maintenance demands. This type of progressive and enlightened initiative should be a no-brainer, whereas moving Site C ahead in the face of bad economics, bad politics, and bad environmental impacts, should be a non-starter.

I exhort you and your cabinet to please abandon the destructive Site C dam project. You should not be willing to wear this horrendously costly and damaging project. We have not reached the no-turning-back point, much as former Premier Clark wanted to force us there. Please make the enlightened move now to turn back from this gigantic mistake, and instead, invest in the green energy and transit jobs of the 21st century.

Thank you for your time and attention

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## Minister, FIN FIN:EX

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2017 1:34 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Cc:** BC Green Party  
**Subject:** Please do the right thing: Invest in a renewable future and a thriving economy. Stop Site C  
  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

You and the Greens were elected to make a better future. Site C would be a wasteful pit of debt and destruction.

Please do the right thing and stop Site C now.

We "see the folly and the anachronistic nature of this project. Where dams in the US are now being decommissioned, as their harm to ecosystems and other social values is better understood, to be constructing the most costly piece of infrastructure in the province's history is simply a huge mistake."

Source: <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2017/08/29/opinion/site-c-cant-be-built-and-ma-murrays-former-newspaper-reveals-why>

Alternatives to the Site C Dam Will Create Way More Jobs: UBC Analysis:

"A recent three-month investigation conducted by the B.C. Utilities Commission found alternatives to Site C, including wind energy and conservation measures to reduce provincial electricity demand, could replace the dam at an equal or lower unit energy cost.

"By 2054, the B.C. Utilities Commission alternative portfolio will have created three times as many jobs as Site C," Karen Bakker, one of the authors of the report and co-director of the Program on Water Governance, told DeSmog Canada.

"Site remediation, geothermal construction and energy conservation will create thousands of jobs each year," she said.

Alternative energy, such as wind power, creates many more jobs for every dollar spent, Bakker told DeSmog Canada.

ICYMI: Geothermal Would Create 15 Times More Permanent Jobs Than Site C, Panel Told

Using BC Hydro and BCUC figures, the researchers concluded that ... by 2054, the alternative portfolio will have completely eclipsed Site C, with 37,618 job-years in the Site C scenario and 105,618 for alternatives."

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/11/28/alternatives-site-c-dam-will-create-way-more-jobs-ubc-analysis>

Please do the right thing.

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** Site C Dam on the Peace River in Northeastern British Columbia

**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

Dear Premier Horgan,

I want to express to you my concerns about the Site C dam and encourage you and your government to halt construction on the Site C dam and to cancel this project for good. Here is a summary of my reasoning.

The Site C dam, one of Canada's largest infrastructure projects, has been faced with major controversy, given that the power from the project is unneeded, alternatives would be cheaper, and the costs to Indigenous rights, river and delta ecosystems, and BC's agricultural future are enormous and unjustified.

The BCUC held 11 Community Input Sessions in 9 communities between Sept 23 and Oct 11, 2017. *More than 80% of all speakers were opposed to the dam*, and many others showed up in opposition to the project but didn't speak. Between the two sessions held in Vancouver alone, hundreds attended, with 78 speaking against Site C and only three in favour of the project.

**I expect that you and your Cabinet colleagues will take this public input into serious consideration in making your final decision on Site C**, and that you are aware that the public is engaged and concerned about this project.

Some of the major issues that were raised in the BCUC public hearings, and that I agree with, are:

**1. The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaty 8, and the constitutional rights of the Treaty 8 First Nations.**

- Now that the NDP government has become a full supporter of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, *stopping Site C would demonstrate good faith in implementing the Declaration*, which requires the free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous peoples when undertaking projects of this nature.
- The Joint Review Panel on Site C (JRP) concluded that the project would 'severely undermine' Indigenous people's use of the land for hunting, fishing, ceremonies and other purposes. West Moberly, Prophet River and other Treaty 8 First Nations could seek damages from impacts to their territory and infringement of Treaty 8.
- A second United Nations body, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UNCERD), called on Canada in August 2017, to "immediately suspend" Site C over "irreversible" harm to Indigenous peoples in the region.

2. Site C's economics just don't make sense. The justification for Site C rests on BC Hydro's load forecasts, their cost estimates and the benefits BC Hydro has attributed to Site C as compared to some alternatives. These all have come under heavy criticism and detailed scrutiny in the BCUC review.

- The Commission's consultant, Deloitte LLP, has questioned BC Hydro's ability to estimate large contracts. Deloitte also said that cost overruns could put the final price tag at up to \$12.5 billion.
- Cancelling Site C is the cheapest option, if alternative energy is even needed. The BCUC panel themselves criticized the "apples to oranges" comparison BC Hydro made between Site C and alternative energy sources. Using the BCUC's portfolio of alternatives, it would only cost \$1.8-3.4 billion to provide the same amount of energy as Site C. Adding in site remediation costs, the total price tag of alternatives would be \$5.1 to \$6.7 billion, still far less than the \$9 to \$12.5 billion cost of building Site C. I agree with Andrew Weaver's recent assessment that "now that estimates [for Site C] have soared to \$12 billion or higher. At those prices... B.C. Hydro should be looking at alternative, renewable energy sources, including wind, solar, geothermal and pumped hydro, to name a few, whose costs have dropped so much that they can compete on a cost-per-electron basis with Site C power." (The Province, Nov 16, <http://tinyurl.com/y7st2kxh>)
- Experts such as Dr. Harry Swain, chair of the Joint Review Panel on Site C, Marc Eliesen, former CEO of BC Hydro, Robert McCullough, an international energy expert, and Dr. Eoin Finn, a retired partner from KPMG, have all made presentations to the BCUC pointing to flaws in the Site C argument. I was particularly impressed by the video published by DeSmog Canada in which they present a compelling case against Site C with extensive commentary from Dr. Harry Swain (see video at <http://tinyurl.com/yd32wxky>).

### 3. The loss of agricultural land and the huge environmental consequences of the project.

- The largest-ever exclusion of land from the Agricultural Land Reserve was made by the previous BC government in 2015 to permit the flooding and destruction of valuable farmland. If Site C is cancelled, this land has the potential to become an important part of BC's food production. *This may be especially important in light of climate breakdown and loss of food production elsewhere.*
- The Joint Review Panel concluded that "the Project would likely cause significant adverse effects to migratory birds relying on valley bottom habitat during their life cycle and these losses would be permanent and cannot be mitigated." - Joint Review Panel, p. 84.
- UNESCO is calling for assessment of downstream impacts of the Site C dam, with an initial report due from the federal government by Feb. 2018. The Mikisew Cree First Nation stand opposed to Site C because of the expected impacts on their territories in the Peace-Athabasca Delta and Wood Buffalo National Park, Canada's largest National Park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

4. Growing problems at Site C. In September, Peace River Hydro Partners told BC Hydro that they would miss the Sept. 2019 river diversion deadline, adding \$610 million to the project's budget. Two major tension cracks and multiple landslides at the site have slowed progress and drained contingency funds.

- Both the Muskrat Falls (Newfoundland and Labrador) and the Keeyask (Manitoba) hydroelectric dam projects faced similar geo-technical and management uncertainties. Both are now billions of dollars over budget with expenditures that are difficult to justify to the public.

These then, are my main reasons for calling on your government to halt construction on the Site C dam and cancel the project for good before any further destruction takes place. I expect Cabinet to make the right decision for British Columbians.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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## Minister, FIN FIN:EX

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2017 3:05 PM  
**To:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX  
**Cc:** Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; ray.larson@greenparty.bc.ca<sup>s.22</sup>  
**Subject:** Please stop Site c and here's why...  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

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Subject: Please stop Site c and this is why... and where's the BCUC review and report into the illegal smart meter program?

Attention Carole James, Andrew Weaver, John Horgan and Michelle Mungall: Have you given any thought to all the money wasted on the old and neglected fracking dams that never had a review already in place in B.C? They are all at risk of failing just like the Mt Polley tailings pond did? Well, it's all BC Green Party leader Andrew Weaver, BC environmentalists just like me and our First Nations people throughout this province think about! So, I'm asking... will you, our new government sit back and wait for those dams to fail? Please... I beg of you, stop this dam (Site C) that is being built to serve the pipeline projects. In case you don't think tax payers know... we know all about those illegal, ignored, unattended, unmaintained and grossly neglected fracking dams waiting to fail in the northeast section of our province. So, I'm wondering, where will the money come from and who will pay the bill to clean them up after they've failed should you choose to move ahead and sink billions of our dollars into some obsolete and outdated Site C dam project that will destroy our environment and cost us billions of dollars for generations to come... meanwhile BC waits for the inevitable failure of these fracking dams? <https://www.desmog.ca/2017/10/17/b-c-regulator-finds-numerous-frack-water-dams-unsafe-risk-failure> - we have the power to meet our province's future energy needs at a much lower cost to rate payers with the power that's available to us under the British Columbia River Treaty. - why would you force BC tax payers to fork out billions of dollars for generations for a huge hydroelectric obsolete mega dam project when the era of large hydroelectric dams is coming to an end??? - we will save billions if we cut our losses now, shut down

Site c permanently and transition the existing Site C employees who are living in B.C. into jobs in solar, wind and geo thermal power. We can then move B.C. and it's citizens forward adding new jobs in this sector across the province as the need grows. This will bring British Columbia to a cheaper, more climate friendly and better environment with a much stronger economy without weighing B.C. Hydro rate payers down now and for generations to come by paying billions for a dam we don't need...

I'm one environmentalist who voted for you because I believed in you... please don't let B.C. and those of us who voted for you down. Cancel Site c and use the money to better serve your province by putting it towards Geo thermal, wind and solar energy, housing, seismic upgrades for our schools, more Special Ed teachers, the fentanyl overdosing problem, Uber services, better mental health services for our children, teens and adults, the list goes on... but you know full well wind, solar and geo thermal power are all on track to replace our planet's currently installed global energy generation but 2030. Those alternatives alone will save us the rate payers money, and that money can go into all desperately needed services listed above and more without leaving B.C. Hydro' rate payers 30 billion dollars in debt. s.22

## Minister, FIN FIN:EX

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2017 8:03 AM  
**To:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX  
**Subject:** British Columbia can't afford Site C dam!  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C

Dear Minister James,

Dear Premier Horgan, Minister Mungall, Minister Heyman, Minister Fraser, Minister Popham, Minister Eby, Minister Dix and Minister James,

Here is what I wrote my MLA - T Reddies and I want you to know that I feel this way about govt - that the voters and real concern for people is not a priority.

Good Morning

I hesitate to write to you as my representative in the legislature as I feel my values and opinions are not the same as the Liberal party. s.22

s.22 I am a firm believer is the strength of the "little guy" in BC but it is becoming increasingly more apparent that corporate interests are far more important to a large portion of government at all levels, than the little guy.

Site C is one such example – there are two very different pictures being painted in the media. The one that the corporate world wants known – that thousands of jobs are at stake, that these jobs are all from BC, that all the materials at site c are produced here, that we desperately need the power, that all unions back it, that the land being flooded is insignificant, that the economics and gain for the province are HUGE, that Hydro has been managed very well and is a profitable crown corporation, that the dam will be built on time and within budget ....

The other side brings out the items that concern me – loss of valuable farmland that with climate changing will be BC's food belt in our future, that there are alternate power sources available such as the Columbia River Treaty (British Columbia sells about the same amount of energy to the United States each year that Site C will produce), changes to how we use and produce energy are changing so rapidly that the dam will be obsolete but rate payers will be paying for this till 2094 – indeed like other jurisdictions in Canada that have seen huge rate increases that have built boondoggle dams like Muskrat Falls, how a need for hydro energy has been flat for 10 years now though the Liberals based their need for the dam on an increase of 9% each year, that the workers are not all BC union but instead are members of CLAC (a Christian group owned by the owners not by the "union" workers or part of the BC unions) or even BC citizens (the engineers overseeing the project, Samsung, are not Cdn but from south Korea) Indeed Samsung CEO was charged with bribery, tax evasion and corruption in their own country ( <https://www.ft.com/content/da80812a-f52f-11e6-8758-6876151821a6>). The hard fact is that under the Liberals, BC Hydro's real debt – including all its obligations – in constant dollars has increased by 1,337%, from \$6 billion in 2005 to \$80.2 billion today. This total comes from Hydro's most recent annual report (2016) and is made up by the following three categories:

1. Regulatory (Deferral) Accounts: \$5.9 Billion
2. Long Term Debt: \$18 Billion
3. Long Term Private Power (IPP) Contracts: \$56.3 Billion

I could keep going but you likely get my point and felt I needed to make it despite the fact my opinion holds no value in my constituency.

Thank you

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PS Since writing my MLA - it has come to my attn that Hydro is now applying to destroy a wetland area that is unique, rare and ancient which is appalling. <https://www.desmog.ca/2016/10/21/bc-hydro-applies-demolish-rare-ancient-wetland-site-c-construction>

Sincerely,

s.22

cc:

Honourable Lana Popham

Honourable Michelle Mungall

Honourable George Heyman

Honourable Adrian Dix

Honourable David Eby

Honourable Scott Fraser

Premier John Horgan

## Minister, FIN FIN:EX

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2017 10:26 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; Minister, LBR LBR:EX; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** Rare hillside wetland --one small example-- Please Stop Site C  
**Categories:** Batch - Site C (opposed)

Dear Premier Horgan, Minister Mungall, Minister Heyman, Minister Fraser, Minister Popham, Minister Eby, Minister Dix, Minister Donaldson, Minister Ralston, Minister Bains, Minister Trevena and Minister James,

Besides the talk of creating lower environmental impact energy and the loss of farm land, there doesn't seem to be a lot of discussion on what is to be lost in terms of the environment. I'm not hearing much debate about the loss of habitat, migration routes, ecosystems, migration paths, and possible rare species.

I realize that the BCUC didn't have the mandate to consider environmental impact, but it is still super important and I expect the cabinet to consider the cost to nature when deciding to stop Site C.

Here is one small example of what would be lost:

There are ancient tufa seeps, rare hillside wetlands in the area to be destroyed by Site C. Curtis Bjork, a botanist and lichenologist said it is "unlike anything I've ever seen." The following is an excerpt from "BC Hydro Applies to Demolish Rare, Ancient Wetland for Site C Construction" (<https://www.desmog.ca/2016/10/21/bc-hydro-applies-demolish-rare-ancient-wetland-site-c-construction>):

Bjork described tufa seeps as similar to "islands in the sea": isolated habitats where mosses, liverworts, lichens and vascular plants adapt to unique mineral and hydrological conditions, giving rise to populations of rare and at risk species.

"That's why each tufa seep you get to as a botanist you're very excited about because you have no idea what you're going to find there. And by extension it's also one of those habitats where you can expect to find rare species. This is an unusual habitat in the landscape. There are not a lot of tufa seeps out there."

Bjork, a botanical consultant and research associate with the University of British Columbia Herbarium, said the stretch of the Peace River that would be flooded by Site C is home to moss species that are among the most diverse he has encountered anywhere in western North America during two decades of fieldwork.

"We found tufa seeps that were so large that they had waterfalls and little pools enclosed in calcium carbonate rims. The pools are like these tiers that you can step up like a staircase and the water will spill from one pool to the next to the next to the next."

This is just one example at what is at stake. Last year the Living Planet Index shows vertebrate populations are set to decline by 67% of 1970 numbers by 2020 (<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/oct/27/world-on-track-to-lose-two-thirds-of-wild-animals-by-2020-major-report-warns>). Habitat will become more important as climate change and increased human destruction of the earth continues. The Peace River Valley can only contribute to habitat if it's not under water.

I look forward to hearing the government take its next big step in leading our province and stopping Site C.

There. Is. No. Such. Thing. As. The. Point. Of. No. Return.

In your reply, I would love to hear how you are advocating for the stopping of Site C or how you are rationalizing the needless environmental cost of Site C compared to other much lower impact methods of energy production.

Warmly,



## Minister, FIN FIN:EX

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**From:** Real Site C Hearings <sitec@realhearings.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 26, 2017 11:54 AM  
**To:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Why you should cancel Site C  
  
**Categories:** Batch - Real Site C Hearings



### IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT SITE C DAM

Dear Honourable Carole James,

Many of the citizen of British Columbia trusted their vote to you with the understanding that Site C dam would be cancelled. You campaigned on the initiatives found in your proposed [Power BC program](#) and we support and encourage you to uphold these promises. Following through on retrofitting, updating existing energy infrastructure and developing renewables makes sense and paves the way for a bold, forward looking future for our province let by your government.

The evidence provided by the BCUC is very clear - cancelling the project is the best option for present and future generations of British Columbians. By cancelling Site C, British Columbia will position itself as a province led by a government of visionary, progressive thinkers, who embrace new technologies and value fiscally responsible decision-making.

This is what I want for our province. I hope your actions will allow us to be the change that I believe you and all British Columbians want to see.

A copy of my letter is posted [here](#) as a matter of public record.

### MY COMMENT ON SITE C DAM

Dear Premier John Horgan,

Please do not complete the Site C Dam project. There are so many reasons to stop, please consider the following:

1. Stopping the Site C project is fiscally responsible. The cost to complete the project will likely overrun and be greater than \$10 billion by current estimates and stopping the project costs are under \$4 billion. This \$6 billion difference will be paid by taxes and ratepayers like me who do not want to absorb more costs.

2. Developing alternative energy sources will create more permanent employment than Site C. The increasing availability of renewable sources of energy (solar, wind and geothermal) and decreasing costs of these alternatives means it makes more sense to develop these options. Developing alternatives will provide more sustainable and diverse long-term jobs than the Site C dam. Some experts suggest Geothermal could create 15 times more jobs than Site C.

(<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/10/17/geothermal-would-create-15-times-more-permanent-jobs-site-c-panel-told-bcuc-hearings-draw-close>)

3. The environmental impact and cost of the Site C project is devastating. "BC Hydro's economic analysis also ignored ecosystems and the benefits they provide. The David Suzuki Foundation estimates ecosystem services from farmland, wetland and other natural capital in the Peace watershed are conservatively worth \$7.9 billion to \$8.6 billion a year. Services that sustain the health and well-being of local communities include air and water filtration, erosion control, recreational services and wildlife habitat. The replacement value of what will be lost by flooding far exceeds the dam's economic returns." (<https://davidsuzuki.org/story/site-c-exposes-economic-folly-of-flooding-farmland>)

4. We need to honour BC's First Nations and BC's commitment to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Full and proper consultation has not been completed and consent has not been given. We need to work toward reconciliation and it is environmentally, culturally and morally important that we do.

In light of the open letter more than 15,000 scientists recently signed warning the planet of extinction if we do not make immediate and significant changes, cancelling Site C would be a significant step in the right direction. Our actions and decisions will impact on generations to come, well beyond the four years the BC NDP will have power. Please be on the right side of human history.

Sincerely,

s.22

Sunday 26th of November 2017 07:53:42 PM





### **Peace Valley Environment Association**

This campaign to generate public comments to the Federal and BC governments on the proposed Site C dam is organized by Peace Valley Environment Association. (PVEA)

The PVEA was formed in 1975 to counter the proposal by BC Hydro and Power Authority to build the Site C dam and power station on the Peace River just south of Fort St. John, BC.

PVEA will continue to work to ensure that the court of public opinion against Site C is loud and clear!

Our organization works collaboratively with a number of groups including Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y), BC Wilderness Committee (WC), Sierra Club BC, Amnesty International and First Nations. Additionally, funding has been gratefully received from West Coast Environmental Law's Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund, Patagonia, Vancouver Foundation, Y2Y, WC, BC Women's Institute and many generous individuals.

Site C is not in the best interests of British Columbians for a multitude of economic, social, cultural and environmental reasons. It will result in an oversupply of power for many years and will cost BC Hydro ratepayers billions of dollars. If and when additional power sources are required in the province, there are many less expensive alternatives.



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**From:** Real Site C Hearings <sitec@realhearings.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 25, 2017 2:11 PM  
**To:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Why you should cancel Site C  
  
**Categories:** Batch - Real Site C Hearings



Dear Honourable Carole James,

Many of the citizen of British Columbia trusted their vote to you with the understanding that Site C dam would be cancelled. You campaigned on the initiatives found in your proposed Power BC program and we support and encourage you to uphold these promises. Following through on retrofitting, updating existing energy infrastructure and developing renewables makes sense and paves the way for a bold, forward looking future for our province let by your government.

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### MY COMMENT ON SITE C DAM

HONORABLE CAROLE JAMES RE: CANCELLATION OF SITE C DAM

This communication to you is to urge your government to please cancel the Site C Dam boondoggle, initiated by the former corrupt Liberal government.

I realize that cancelling Site C Dam will create a 'loss' of approximately 2 billion dollars ~ I also realize that the cancelation will also save approximately 6 billion dollars or more ~ which can be more beneficial when used for social projects in the future. My argument will deal only with regards to the financial aspects of this unwanted dam.

#### Fact Sheet: Economic Impacts of Site C Dam

- Site C will create at least \$5000 of debt for every household in BC.

- Site C will saddle BC taxpayers with 70 years of debt from Site C. The dam will not be paid off by BC residents until 2094 at the earliest.

- BC Hydro is borrowing \$9 billion, on top of its current debt of \$22 billion and long term commitments of \$53.8 billion to pay for Site C dam.

- \$9 billion could be better spent in BC: It could fund 54 secondary schools or 321 middle schools or many new hospitals.

- Homeowners face a 28% increase in BC Hydro rates by 2018. This is in addition to increases in ICBC rates, housing costs and the cost of imported food.

- Energy demand in BC has been flat for a decade; as rates increase, demand will fall.

- British Columbia has many cheaper and greener alternatives; geothermal, solar and wind are available at lower cost. Taking back the power available under the Columbia River Treaty is also an option.

- Site C is another boondoggle, like the Muskrat Falls Dam in Newfoundland and Labrador where homeowners will be paying \$150 more per month by 2022. The cost of the dam has almost doubled since construction began; the case for the project has evaporated since its sanctioning in 2012. The current head of the Newfoundland utility calls Muskrat Falls a "boondoggle".

- Site C was not sent to the regulator, the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) even though the former chair of the Joint Review Panel, Dr. Harry Swain strongly and repeatedly advised that it should.

- Average price for Site C electricity = \$88/MWh yet promised average price to industry = \$55/MWh

- Why are LNG companies in BC getting reduced hydro rates on the backs of BC citizens?

- Why is BC spending \$9 billion and further, why is the federal government open to spending billions more to send Site C power to Alberta to support their oil sands

industry?

- Site C construction is supporting companies such as SNC Lavalin and Samsung, which have worldwide reputations for corruption.

Harry Swain, chairperson of the joint federal-provincial panel that examined the case for Site C, said: “You don’t even have to think very much about the environmental and aboriginal cost of Site C because the economics are so awful”.

As former BC Hydro CEO Marc Eliesen said in an interview with DeSmog, “With Site C, BC Hydro ratepayers will be facing a devastating increase. This is scheduled to become a big white elephant.”

Please consider the above information in arriving at your up-coming decision to cancel the Site C Dam. Thank you.

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Saturday 25th of November 2017 10:11:00 PM



#### **Peace Valley Environment Association**

This campaign to generate public comments to the Federal and BC governments on the proposed Site C dam is organized by Peace Valley Environment Association (PVEA).

The PVEA was formed in 1975 to counter the proposal by BC Hydro and Power Authority to build the Site C dam and power station on the Peace River just south of Fort St. John, BC.

PVEA will continue to work to ensure that the court of public opinion against Site C is loud and clear!

Our organization works collaboratively with a number of groups including Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y), BC Wilderness Committee (WC), Sierra Club BC, Amnesty International and First Nations. Additionally, funding has been gratefully received from West Coast Environmental Law’s Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund, Patagonia, Vancouver Foundation, Y2Y, WC, BC Women’s Institute and many generous individuals.

Site C is not in the best interests of British Columbians for a multitude of economic, social, cultural and environmental reasons. It will result in an oversupply of power

for many years and will cost BC Hydro ratepayers billions of dollars. If and when additional power sources are required in the province, there are many less less expensive alternatives.



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**Subject:** Vancouver Sun: How a murky company with ties to the People's Liberation Army set up shop in B.C.  
**Categories:** Batch .s.22

Good day everyone,

Now this article shows that investigative journalism is not yet dead in Canada, though there are those in high places who probably wish it was.....dead.

Enjoy the insights Justin, though you're probably already well versed on the subject.

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<http://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/how-a-murky-company-with-ties-to-the-peoples-liberation-army-set-up-shop-in-b-c>

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# Letter from Former B.C. Premier Calls for Halt to Site C Dam

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<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/08/23/letter-former-b-c-premier-calls-halt-site-c-dam>

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Right Rises To The Top....Right Vaughn? Please Pass This Message On To Your Friend Rob.

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# A goodbye to Merv Adey

On August 21, 2017 11:22 pmAugust 21, 2017 11:31 pm By Laila YuileIn BC Liberals, BC NDP, BC Politics  
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But where have you been??

What I really want to do here is encourage anyone who reads this post to do a few things:

a: Read widely. Sourced factual news is everywhere . So is fake news. You're smart enough to discriminate.

b: Don't think your voice doesn't matter... I'm proud of this blog, (though I'm probably more aware of it's faults than anyone. I'm not the most technically proficient blogger)... I'm proud though, not because I'm read by more than a few thousand at the best of times. I'm proud because of who reads...Politicians, journalists, activists and other voices I so respect.

c: If you have an issue in your community that needs to be raised, don't underestimate the power of your voice. Collective is stronger than individual it's true, but don't underestimate an honest, fair, public minded raised voice. It's powerful.

d: Share the good stuff....Don't assume because you learned about these unauthorized dams in the wilderness today that anyone else did. Many things I've learned from small sources deserve to be front page news. Amplify.

The unknowns of the new reality in BC are enormous. The new government will have an extremely difficult job, but the election result guaranteed one thing. The vice grip of the BCLiberals has been broken. Even if they gain one more seat they will no longer have a blank cheque to do whatever they or their donors want without regard for consequences.

That's huge. How media covers the new reality will be fascinating. Enjoy the ride. I will.

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# EXCLUSIVE: BC Hydro Spent \$20 Million Quietly Buying Land for Site C Before Dam Was Approved

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# It's Finally Happening: Site C Gets Its Date with the B.C. Utilities Commission

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**Subject:** EXCLUSIVE: BC Hydro Paying Millions to Independent Power Producers to Not Produce Power Due to Oversupply | DeSmog Canada  
**Categories:** FYI

<https://www.desmog.ca/2016/04/05/b-c-hydro-paying-independent-power-producers-not-produce-power-due-oversupply>

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**Subject:** Site C Related Media

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*Site C is the first and most important test of Mr. Horgan's government's commitment to respecting Indigenous rights, and so far it is failing spectacularly. Fortunately, we are not yet past the point of no return, and there is still time to do the right thing by cancelling the project in the New Year.*

<https://www.straight.com/news/1012161/andrew-frank-heavy-hearted-colonizers-bc-ndp-tries-share-site-c-victims-grief-while>

*According to the NDP's Adrian Dix, in an interview with DeSmog Canada in 2016, Capital Power Corp. is being paid under contract \$55 million a year until April of 2022 not to produce power.*

*According to Dix, independent producers across the province, in communities such as Nanaimo and Prince George, are being told by B.C. Hydro not to produce power. Where has Dix been since his vociferous condemnation of this project one year ago?*

<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/letters/hydro-paying-for-no-power-1.23131769>

*But as Autumn turned, so did hopes the NDP would prove itself an alternative to the crony capitalist, BCLiberals. Just two weeks ago, the new premier announced the government would continue the course set by Clark and carry the Site C dam project forward – a project with more strikes against it than an English coal mine.*

<http://www.gorilla-radio.com/2017/12/28/gorilla-radio-x-masyear-ender-show-chris-cook-ken-boon-christina-nikolic-december-28-2017/>

*And lest anybody consider the issue to be limited to any particular party or place on the political spectrum, British Columbia Premier John Horgan has followed up a dubious decision to continue with his predecessor's Site C boondoggle by talking about his government's plans to set aside activism in favour of administration. (Contrast that to the oft-cited response of Franklin Delano Roosevelt to arguments for anti-discrimination legislation which faced political opposition: rather than minimizing the role of activism, he encouraged proponents of the plan to "go out and make me do it.")*

<http://leaderpost.com/opinion/columnists/its-time-to-remind-governments-they-answer-to-us>

*The AECON purchase brings a new controversy to the already sadly soiled Site C effort. The transaction was consummated following the BC government approval and go ahead. Is this a coincidence?*

<http://richardhughes.ca/tag/site-c-may-be-the-latest-target-of-the-ambitious-chinese-government/>

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**Subject:** How Many Hours?  
**Categories:** FYI

A reader of the Tyee questioned how I could be so judgemental on the story of the NDP and Site C. He asked how many hours I had spent digging for the truth. The following is my reply along with a small sample of my source studies. You're welcome to more as well John, Michelle, David and Mr.Heyman.

How many hours? Try how many months. <sup>s.22</sup> I have spent untold time looking for the truth. Horgan's position flies in the face of truth. I'll let you get started with these. Get back to me when you'd like more.

<https://www.straight.com/ne...>

<https://in-sights.ca/2017/1...>

<https://www.theglobeandmail...>

<https://in-sights.ca/2017/1...>

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<http://commonsensecanadian....>

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All the best in your studies.

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**From:** Ken Boon <pvla@xplornet.com>  
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**To:** Ken Boon  
**Subject:** Site C Related Media

*Continuing with Site C is a bad decision on so many levels. What's worse is how low Horgan had to stoop to try to rationalize it. He engaged in irresponsible fear-mongering, the logic of which does not stand up under scrutiny.*  
<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/op-ed/comment-site-c-continues-on-premier-s-faulty-arguments-1.23121222>

*She pointed to a filmed interview with Horgan's from 2014 as indication of her nation's legal standing. "First Nations in the region have entrenched constitutional rights," Horgan stated in that interview. "Not just the requirement for consultation and accommodation — which we always hear about when we're talking about resource projects — but they have entrenched constitutional rights to practice hunting and fishing as before."*  
*"And that's going to be violated by this dam."*  
*Under Horgan the B.C. government made a commitment to embrace and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which calls for "free, prior and informed" consent.*  
*On September 13, 2017, the 10th anniversary of the declaration, Horgan said "Our government understands the enormous responsibility we have to Indigenous peoples, in the face of historical wrongs that have never been made right and in the wake of inaction by government after government."*  
<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/11/b-c-first-nations-call-injunction-site-c-they-prepare-civil-suit>

*Premier John Horgan said he is not bound to uphold his commitments to reconciliation with British Columbia's First Nations in the case of the Site C dam, saying the \$10.7-billion dam his cabinet has decided to complete is not really his project.*  
*"It's my view that activities that began before I was sworn in as Premier are out of my control," Mr. Horgan said in an interview on Tuesday. "In the case of Site C, I really have to say it is 25-per-cent done. It's not like I'm going to [start] it — I'm going to finish it."*  
*Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, said his phone call with Mr. Horgan on Monday did not go well. "I hung up on him," he said in an interview, adding that the Premier has "pretty much poisoned the well" for reconciliation between the province and Indigenous communities.*  
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/bcs-john-horgan-faces-ire-of-first-nations-after-site-c-approval/article37310963/>

*Today the Peace Valley Solidarity Initiative (PVSII) announced that an Accountability Summit on Site C will be held in Vancouver on January 20 - 21, 2018, to hold the NDP government to account for its unconscionable decision to complete construction of the Site C hydroelectric dam project.*  
<http://www.marketwired.com/press-release/peace-valley-solidarity-initiative-sets-date-accountability-summit-on-ndps-reckless-2243055.htm>

*Foy was not impressed, "Maybe Mr Horgan is going to genetically modify money so you can eat it like lettuce, but if he can't figure out how you can eat money there is no way you can fix drowning all that farmland. No matter what you say, food comes from sun, water and land. When you drown [farm]land, you drown food."*  
<https://theecoreport.com/bc-moving-forward-site-c/>

*Critics of John Horgan and his government say the premier has made an error after he announced the Site C dam will be completed.*  
<http://aptnnews.ca/2017/12/11/critics-say-bc-premier-made-wrong-call-site-c-dam/>

*"Speaking of dinosaurs, I was a founding member of the NDP in 1961, but it has taken me 50 years to find out what the "D" stands for. It's the New Dinosaur Party," said Steves.*

<http://www.richmond-news.com/news/site-c-decision-riles-richmond-new-democrats-1.23120796>

*So much for reconciliation, so much for the environment and farmland, so much for a world-class river and its valley. So much for fiscal responsibility. So much for learning from Muskrat Falls.*

<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/letters/ndp-abandons-its-loyal-base-1.23121239>

*Building the dam is like throwing good money after bad, he argues. "This is the sunk-cost fallacy, which you learn in Economics 101: the fact that a project has lost money does not mean you must spend more money on it."*

<https://www.coastclarion.ca/im-extremely-disappointed-site-c-is-a-monument-to-nineteenth-century-technology/>

*I share your frustration. Site C was a boondoggle made by the former BC Liberals government. Now this BC NDP government owns it. Now Site C is their project, and we all are going to pay for it for a very long time!*

<http://adamolsen.bcgreencaucus.ca/video-response-site-c-decision/>

*"Today's decision is disappointing," said AFN National Chief Bellegarde. "I am confident that First Nations will continue their efforts to stop Site C and the next step will be legal challenges.*

<http://www.afn.ca/2017/12/12/site-c-dam-decision-disappointing-completely-contrary-reconciliation-says-afn-national-chief-bellegarde/>

*Horgan did not clearly spell out how much it will cost B.C. ratepayers to pay for Site C electricity. Nor could he guarantee the cost of the project, already heading for a 30-per-cent overrun, will avoid rising another 20 per cent to \$12.5 billion as the province's utilities regulator has warned it could.*

<http://business.financialpost.com/opinion/terence-corcoran-another-green-power-boondoggle-sinks-taxpayers-and-consumers-in-the-red>

*First, UBC's Karen Bakker, who authored a report last month forecasting the Site C Dam would generate fewer jobs than alternative energy projects, weighs in on the province's decision on Site C.*

<https://soundcloud.com/bivpodcast/episode-117-site-c-gets-approved>

*The Wilderness Committee has reacted with shock and anger at the news that B.C. Premier John Horgan has given the green-light to the massive, misguided Site C dam project. However, was cancelling the project really ever that feasible?*

*Guest: Joe Foy - National Campaign Director, Wilderness Committee*

<https://player.fm/series/the-simi-sara-show/environmentalists-outraged-by-govt-decision-to-continue-with-site-c-construction>

*Premier Rachel Notley said the average 3.7 cents per kilowatt-hour bid by the three companies is the lowest electricity price in Canada and bodes well for future similar auctions.*

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/renewable-energy-program-electricity-alberta-bidders-contracts-1.4446746>

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**From:** s.22  
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**Attachments:** SBC.pdf; ATT00001.htm; Peace-River-Letter-Carole-James.pdf; ATT00002.htm  
**Categories:** FYI

Dear Honourable Minister James,

We are writing to encourage you to make the right decision, which is to cancel Site C now. We voice our strong solidarity with the West Moberly First Nations, Prophet River First Nation, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, Amnesty International, the Peace Valley Landowners Association, the Peace Valley Environment Association, and many others who call for the immediate termination of BC Hydro's Site C dam in Treaty 8 Territory.

Also, we are writing to remind you of the *Sustainable BC* vision, unanimously adopted by the BC NDP at our 2007 convention, attached as an appendix. Sustainable BC is defined by a commitment to environmental stewardship, diversified economy, equity in sharing the province's wealth, and individual and community well-being "built on mutual respect; co-operation; economic, social and political democracy; and the shared enjoyment of natural, constructed, creative and spiritual elements of our common heritage and sense of place" (4).

Principles outlined in Sustainable BC include: ecosystem protection, resource conservation, biodiversity, resilience, protection for the "commons," food security, social equity, full cost economics, the precautionary principle, adaptive management, democracy and due process, and just transition. All of these principles support the cancellation of the dam, and building a path toward decarbonizing the economy that is distributed across BC, not relying too heavily on one sacrifice zone up north.

There are good reasons—ethical, environmental, and economic—for cancelling the dam and leading the province to act with honour in this terrible situation caused by Liberal mismanagement.

The Peace River Valley is a sacred place to the Indigenous peoples who have called it home since time immemorial. Named after a historic peace treaty between the Cree and the Dunne-za people, the Peace River has already sacrificed too much in order to provide BC with a third of its electricity through previous dams on it. We owe a huge debt to the Peace, and now is the time to pay some of this debt back by holding our governments accountable to walk the talk of reconciliation. If our government is sorry for the displacement it previously caused, then it has to stop the violence of destroying people's sacred sites without their consent. Although BC Hydro has apologized for the devastation that traumatized the Indigenous people who were displaced and made homeless by the W.A.C. Bennett dam, the apology is meaningless if BC continues to act destructively on Treaty 8 territories (<https://www.desmog.ca/2016/06/10/bc-hydro-apologizes-bennett-dam-s-profound-and-painful-impact-first-nations-gallery-opening>).

Equally disturbingly, the violence against the land has also increased violence against Indigenous women. If you are not familiar with the perspectives and experiences of women who've been working hard to protect the Peace Valley and their families, please see <http://discoursemedia.org/gender-and-identity/women-site-c-concerns-impacts-hidden> and <http://www.cbc.ca/shortdocs/shorts/peace-river-rising>. It is crucial that you understand how this systemic violence impacts Indigenous women. #metoo applies to our sisters up north, courageously standing up for the Peace.

As the headwaters of an enormous river system that flows all the way to the Arctic Ocean, the Peace River is recognized as crucial for the health of the UNESCO world heritage site, Wood Buffalo Park. For this reason, downstream First Nations such as the Mikisew Cree and the Athabasca Chipewyan have also called for the dam to be terminated. It is our ethical responsibility to be good neighbours to these downstream communities.

Environmentally, mega dams are not clean. They involve clear-cutting forests, destroying animal habitat, and off-gassing methane at the very time that we need more forests, not less. This is the wrong timing. We need to increase our carbon sinks right now, not reduce their ecological resilience by turning a vibrant multi-use ecosystem into a single-use mercury-laden reservoir. It's worth noting that California's renewable energy portfolio excludes dams larger than 30 MW. The environment needs an economic model that recognizes the value of clean water, ecological resilience, carbon sinks and biodiversity. Right now, all these things are worth "nothing" in BC's accounting method, but these "ecosystem services" are actually worth billions every year in perpetuity, as the David Suzuki Foundation has pointed out in its study of the Peace region's natural capital (<https://davidsuzuki.org/science-learning-centre-article/peace-dividend-assessing-economic-value-ecosystems-b-c-s-peace-river-watershed/>).

Economically, governments borrow for the public good. Borrowing 10 billion dollars could enable BC to support public, local renewable energy projects, generating fair-paying jobs across the province. UBC's Program on Water Governance has done research to show that there are more jobs generated in the long term by terminating Site C (<http://watergovernance.ca/projects/sitec/>).

As the BC Utilities Commission report noted, the most unpredictable part of Hydro's load forecasts is the demand from large industries (such as mining, oil and gas, forestry). This results in wide swings in electricity sales and forecasts. In comparison, the electrical demand from residential and other commercial users is much more predictable, and grows in a slow incremental fashion. But Hydro's business model assumes building huge dams to meet the highly cyclical demand from the resource industries. The risk in this model is that when this demand declines, as inevitably happens in a boom-and-bust economy, Hydro is left with huge amounts of unwanted power and huge un-serviced debts. The risk of this model is entirely on the shoulders of the taxpayers, not the corporations who demand this power. When the next cyclical downturn in the BC resource industry happens, and Site C is built, putting Hydro into even more debt, this scenario could bankrupt Hydro.

If Site C proceeds, this will foreclose diverse alternative energies because there would be no point in adding even more generation capacity to the system. If the growth in power demand was entirely from the more incrementally growing residential and commercial sectors, this demand could be easily met by slowly adding alternative power supplies to meet this demand.

In short, spending so much on one mega project that isn't even currently needed drives away investment and economic potential throughout the rest of the province. It also increases Hydro bills, unfairly impacting those who are less able to pay. A number of First Nations—such as the St'at'imc, the Tsilhqot'in and the Homolco—spoke at the BC Utilities Commission proposing alternatives to Site C that would produce comparable energy while having Indigenous consent ([http://www.sitecinquiry.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/00605\\_TFN-2\\_2017-10-06\\_Vancouver-FN-Transcripts-V10.pdf](http://www.sitecinquiry.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/00605_TFN-2_2017-10-06_Vancouver-FN-Transcripts-V10.pdf)). We need a better distributed, community-based economic plan in our journey toward a fossil-fuel free economy.

Respectfully,

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Hello Mr Horgan & Ms. James:

Please see email content below.  
Hope you don't mind!

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**Subject:** Please make Imperial Metals clean up Quesnel Lake

Hello:  
Welcome to the new BC!

Please make Imperial Metals clean up Quesnel Lake.

I think what people here in BC have to get through their heads is, if we don't have clean water, we die.

It's only a matter of time before it reaches your neighbourhood. Travelling down through the lakes, rivers, creeks, streams to home base. Through the food chain. Pray tell it is not too late.

Student loans & daycare won't matter if you are all poisoned. Welfare cheques, forget it – what will it buy you? Poisoned food.

Start with making Imperial Metals clean up Quesnel Lake.

I don't think fining them & letting them walk is the answer.

They ignored the staff who told them there was going to be a breach.

Imperial Metals is at fault.

Set a precedent for those companies that would damage & run.

Employment would surely be created, because Imperial Metals would have to hire people to do the job.

WCB could oversee safety concerns.

Make Imperial Metals clean up Quesnel Lake.

They can cease mining operations until they do clean it up.

Their current staff could be part of the cleanup. No layoffs.

I am grossly turned off by the fact that they have made their workers commute through fire & ash to get to work from Williams Lake, BC. Can you imagine the stress of wondering whether you would have a home to return to every night while the fires are burning? Very Inconsiderate. Very irresponsible having all those workers travelling the roads while the fire crews are working.

I'm sure that UBC, SFU, and BCIT engineering departments have ideas on how to clean this mess up.

Former students have ideas on this. First Nations has ideas on this. The general public has ideas on this.

I'm sure government workers have ideas on this.

If you need further information, please contact DeSmog Canada & Greenpeace Canada.

Thanks,

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*As with the once formidable film company, BC Hydro's management has been blind to market changes. Instead of introducing transformational innovation, they chose to do business in old ways.*

*Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, called the government's commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples "encouraging," but said he has still not forgiven Premier John Horgan "and his inner circle" for "completely violating the rights of Treaty 8 people" by greenlighting the \$10.7 billion Site C dam in December.*

*"I find it highly hypocritical that they can talk about the need to acknowledge the principles and intent of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and at the same time make such an egregious decision in complete violation of those same rights," Grand Chief Phillip told DeSmog Canada.*

*"I'm finding it very hard to get beyond that colossal hypocrisy."*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2018/02/13/b-c-makes-big-promises-environment-indigenous-rights-throne-speech>

*Open Letter for the Peace River (readers can sign letter)*

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SAAVXpqmbCTThLGX7IU5gp5valtxa-9U55\\_WYJRVKHw/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SAAVXpqmbCTThLGX7IU5gp5valtxa-9U55_WYJRVKHw/viewform?edit_requested=true)

*We know that BCH has estimated the value of this contract at \$1.22 billion, and we have it on good authority that the bid received by the well respected and qualified firm of Peter Kiewit was for \$2.6 billion. The spread between those numbers is disturbing, and reminiscent of the problems that are occurring with the Peace River Hydro Partners and their low bid on the Main Civil Works contract as revealed by the BCUC review of the project.*

<https://keepingthepeace.wordpress.com/2018/02/15/open-letter-to-chris-oriley-president-and-chief-operating-officer-bc-hydro/>

*ST. JOHN'S, N.L.—Roberta Frampton Benefiel lives downstream from the massive Muskrat Falls hydro project in Labrador. And, she's among many in the area taking no comfort from official assurances that a recent landslide nearby poses no risk of a major dam failure.*

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2018/02/14/landslide-near-labradors-muskrat-falls-hydro-project-adds-to-residents-anxiety.html>

*Despite existing electricity surpluses, they still add high-cost private power (IPPs) while ignoring auction methods that allow other utilities to buy at comparatively low rates. And, of course, they are spending \$10.7 billion on Site C and billions more on other new facilities.*

*Because our government lacks the wisdom or the nerve to change the utility's course, BC Hydro is a mounting financial disaster that affects every citizen of British Columbia.*

<https://in-sights.ca/2018/02/13/site-c-a-kodak-moment/>

*The cave is not at risk as a result of construction of the Site C dam – it lies about six kilometres outside the planned flood zone. However, hundreds of other valuable paleontological, archaeological and historical sites will be inundated when Site C is complete, replacing a stretch of the Peace River with an 83-km-long reservoir.*

[https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/site-c-floods-will-wash-away-12000-years-of-human-history/article22740978/?utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_medium=Referrer%3A+Social+Network+%2F+Media&utm\\_campaign=Shared+Web+Article+Links](https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/site-c-floods-will-wash-away-12000-years-of-human-history/article22740978/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=Referrer%3A+Social+Network+%2F+Media&utm_campaign=Shared+Web+Article+Links)

*I will not forget that it was Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the federal Liberal government who played a key role in allowing this project to proceed under the direction of former Premier Christy Clark. It was the federal Liberal government that approved the necessary federal permits, which were issued in July 2016 by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Transport Canada and related to fisheries and navigable waters.*

<http://richardhughes.ca/tag/site-c-approval/>

*The Peace Valley Lament:*

<https://youtu.be/NODG3AyNEKY>

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*BC Hydro executives have mismanaged the Site C dam's overall budget and cost control process, and they are "not capable" of accurate estimates or controlling costs on the \$10.7 billion project, according to an affidavit filed this week by former BC Hydro CEO Marc Eliesen.*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2018/02/03/did-bc-hydro-execs-mislead-public-about-cost-site-c-dam>

*We believe the NDP cabinet was misled in its ill-considered decision to proceed with Site C. A reconsideration and reversal of that decision, sooner than later, is critical to the long-term interest of the people of BC.*

<https://www.scribd.com/document/370616333/No-Damn-Site-C-Letter>

*At the provincial level in B.C., we have a provincial government that had similarly promised prior to the election last spring that they would seriously review the project initiated by its B.C. Liberal predecessor to dam the Peace River at Site C, to produce "green" and supposedly cheap energy despite widespread agreement that there was "no business case at all" for the project.*

<http://vancouversun.com/opinion/op-ed/opinion-the-case-for-electoral-reform>

*Art Napoleon - The River Knows Your Name (John Hiatt cover)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h26zhGAZ9Ko>

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*The likely cost overruns for Site C, now in year three of a six-year construction schedule, "will have rate impacts that will be severe, which can lead to a death spiral for the utility," Yauch said in an interview with The Tyee. A "utility death spiral" occurs when rates rise to cover megaprojects. Higher rates lead to reduced demand, which results in more increases to cover costs — a vicious cycle that can be worsened when revenue falls as new forms of energy production, like rooftop solar, are adopted by customers.*

<https://thetyee.ca/News/2018/02/02/Site-C-Risks-Death-Spiral-Says-Watchdog/>

*NDP member Rita Wong said new information has come to light since the December 11 announcement that the Site C dam will proceed, and many party members do not accept cabinet's decision.*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2018/02/02/site-c-dam-decision-causes-friction-within-ndp-ranks-ahead-provincial-council-meeting>

*A future worth having is built upon meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, which leads to reconciliation with the land. In terms of climate action, everyone needs the forests and farmlands intact as much as possible now. Now is not the time to turn our remaining biodiversity into sacrifice zones. B.C. needs the Peace River valley for the greater good of the province.*

<https://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2018/02/02/Open-Letter-NDP-Site-C/>

*Videos from Site C Accountability Summit*

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxOJ--AuQfb59oeLDv\\_6Lnw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxOJ--AuQfb59oeLDv_6Lnw)

*Regrettably, our new NDP government has decided to build Site C, in spite of the reasons not to, both scientific and otherwise.*

<http://www.newwestrecord.ca/opinion/your-letters/letters-horgan-shows-lack-of-vision-on-site-c-lng-1.23162106>

*It's a new year, and it is time for the federal government to turn over a new leaf on the environment.*

<http://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/february-2018/environmental-assessment-policy-must-be-based-on-science/>

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*The "Stakes in the Peace" fundraiser raised over \$70,000 to pay for the legal costs of fighting the Site C dam.*  
<https://www.energeticcity.ca/2018/01/first-nations-return-site-c-stakes-premier-ministers/>

*Rifkind, a civil engineer who works for the Yukon Conservation Society in Whitehorse, said beyond environmental concerns associated with the mines, the "lunatic" cost of building more than a thousand kilometres of transmission lines for short-term projects makes the prospect nonsensical.*  
<https://www.desmog.ca/2018/01/26/site-c-dam-eyed-power-yukon-s-mining-boom>

*The event takes place today and tomorrow in Victoria at the First Metropolitan United Church. The live stream of the summit will be on the [Site C Summit Youtube channel](#) beginning at 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time on Friday.*  
<https://www.energeticcity.ca/2018/01/peace-valley-solidarity-initiative-live-stream-site-c-summit-weekend/>

*It seems that in addition to having to pay off BC Hydro's massive debt, domestic rate-payers are forcibly subsidizing both American exports and selected industrial users.*  
<https://www.kamloopsthisweek.com/editor-paying-off-bc-hydro-debt-backs/>

*"I think they (First Nations) have a very interesting case based on treaty rights. The past cases were based on a judicial review, and that wasn't really the right form for thrashing it out. So the courts said: 'No, but come back to us with the case and substance; with evidence and witnesses and show us how it's impacting you.' So that's what they're doing now."*  
<http://www.iheartradio.ca/cfax-1070/news/site-c-summit-goes-friday-saturday-in-victoria-1.3581343>

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*"Further, BC Hydro's debt is expected to continue to rise over the next several years as the utility moves forward with the construction of the Site C hydroelectric dam with a recently revised cost estimate in excess of CAD10 billion (revised from the previous CAD8.3 billion). With the provincial government's recent decision to move ahead with the construction of the project, the anticipated increase in debt continues to pressure the province's rating since it increases the Province's contingent liability." - Moody's Investors Service*

<http://mailchi.mp/e933a2377323/moodys-caution-bc-hydros-site-c-debt-could-threaten-bcs-aaa-bond-rating?e=7e45085717>

*The Dunne-Za lost the heart of their homeland in 1968 when the W.A.C. Bennett dam flooded an area the size of Kuwait. The Peace Canyon Dam, which became operational in 1980, flooded a further stretch of the Peace River Valley.*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2018/01/19/deck-stacked-first-nations-site-c-injunction-experts>

*That's why we are asking you to write your MLA now and demand that the Site C dam project be halted.*

[https://www.wildernesscommittee.org/takeaction/write\\_wild\\_stop\\_the\\_site\\_c\\_dam](https://www.wildernesscommittee.org/takeaction/write_wild_stop_the_site_c_dam)

*It seems increasingly obvious that the BC NDP Premier John Horgan never had any intention of scrapping the Site C Dam project.*

*The pretend consideration of the BCUC recommendations and that of many other groups and experts was disingenuous at best.*

<http://richardhughes.ca/premier-horgan-is-not-a-stupid-man-which-makes-his-site-c-decision-all-the-more-puzzling/>

*According to BC Hydro spokesperson Mora Scott, the Crown Corporation was asked by the NDP government to collaborate with the Ministry of Transportation, Treaty 8 First Nations, and others to explore alternative options to the current design plans for Highway 29's realignment in the Cache Creek/Bear Flat area.*

<https://www.energeticcity.ca/2018/01/hydro-looking-two-alternatives-highway-29-realignment/>

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*Two First Nations in northeast B.C. have started legal action against the Site C dam, claiming its construction violates Treaty No. 8 signed 1899, as well as the Canadian Constitution.*

*In notices of civil claim filed Jan. 15, the West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations say the mega-project will infringe on their treaty rights and "fails to uphold the Honour of the Crown."*

*The Nations also seek an injunction to prevent any future construction at Site C on the Peace River, seven km southwest of Fort St. John, B.C.*

*BC Hydro, the Attorney General of Canada and the province are named as defendants and have 21 days to file a response.*

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/site-c-dam-court-case-1.4489679>

*"We're not just asking the court to save the Peace River valley, but to save British Columbians billions of dollars by scrapping this ill-conceived, outmoded and unneeded boondoggle unravelling in plain sight," stated Chief Tsakoza.*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2018/01/16/first-nations-file-civil-action-against-site-c-citing-treaty-8-infringement>

*"We are fighting for the land and the preservation of the Dunne-za way of life. But we are also fighting for values all British Columbians share, like transparency and economic prudence."*

<http://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/site-c/first-nations-file-civil-claims-in-attempt-to-stop-site-c-construction-1.23145507>

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*At just over two years into construction, this project has chewed up \$2 billion while the price tag has gone up, you guessed it, \$2 billion. This is like slowly walking up the down escalator while throwing money in the air. At this rate, Site C can't even get to the "point of no return."*

<http://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/opinion/letters/site-c-a-train-wreck-in-slow-motion-1.23140823>

*"It seems like the BC Utilities Commission report tilts highly in favor of cancellation and yet the government decided to continue with the project and this has us deeply troubled about the democratic process, about what we thought we were promised, an open transparent and fair look at the issue with public and expert participation, and so we want to talk about how is it that we work with government?" said Dr. Steve Gray, Chair of The Peace Valley Solidarity Initiative.*

<http://www.cjdctv.com/news/story.aspx?ID=2190166>

*It's not the first time a hydro dam has been proposed to meet the electricity demands of the fossil fuel industry. In British Columbia, the rationale given for the controversial \$10.7 billion Site C dam has at times included powering the liquefied natural gas export industry and Alberta's oilsands.*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2018/01/10/dams-dilbit-how-canada-s-new-hydro-dams-will-power-oil-pipelines>

*The future laps at our doors, and the BC NDP chose to dam it.*

<https://watershedsentinel.ca/articles/7300/>

*The Commission then presented a very different view of the project, suggesting that the dam could be scrapped entirely and replaced by a portfolio of renewable energy projects that could equal or outperform the Site C dam.*

*That the government has felt compelled to carry on with the project, despite the widespread expectation that it might cancel it, has resulted in the release of much pent-up disappointment and anger, stifled by years of unilateralism by the previous ruling party.*

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2018/01/09/opinion/new-system-or-next-catastrophe-your-vote>

*His predictions about the project's schedule came true. Southern missed its deadlines in 2014, and it's still not done. Costs ballooned from \$2.4 billion to more than \$7.5 billion so far. It won't turn Kemper County's lignite into gas; that plan was shelved because it didn't make economic sense. And it doesn't collect carbon dioxide. That part also was nixed. One part of the plant does work — the section that burns natural gas.*

*A new natural gas plant typically costs about \$700 million. So at \$7.5 billion and counting, industry analysts say Kemper is on its way to becoming the most expensive natural gas plant in the world — smack in the middle of one of the poorest counties in the country.*

[https://www.postandcourier.com/news/power-failure-how-utilities-across-the-u-s-changed-the/article\\_434e8778-c880-11e7-9691-e7b11f5b3381.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/news/power-failure-how-utilities-across-the-u-s-changed-the/article_434e8778-c880-11e7-9691-e7b11f5b3381.html)

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*"The yellow stake campaign is in support of the first nations challenge, the court challenge, the first nations bands up there, the West Moberly band and The Prophet River band just to challenge this decision," said Patrick Charlesworth.*  
<https://www.cheknews.ca/yellow-stake-campaign-raising-money-first-nations-site-c-court-challenge-402550/>

*A few days ago I received an e-mail from a CEO of a renewable energy company that is B.C.-based and they're essentially saying Site C has killed their industry.*

*It's not only him — I've heard that time and time again, that people have come to B.C. to invest in the renewable energy potential here and now they feel they have been thrown under the bus. There's a reason the Canadian Wind Energy Association left B.C., went to Alberta and look what we see: 600 MW of power coming in at 3.7 cents per kilowatt hour. That's the opportunity we lost.*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/31/10-questions-b-c-green-party-leader-andrew-weaver>

*We stood to demand the Canadian government keep their promise of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and to oppose the Site C dam in BC's Peace River valley.*

<https://www.e-activist.com/page/message?mid=ee50b67710e146cb9d38703cbf36e0ac>

*A year ago this month Christy Clark and her inept Energy Minister introduced a motion into the legislature which was completely unnecessary, but the motion said that this house stands together to support the Site C Clean Energy Project. There was only one reason to do that; it was to divide British Columbians, to divide communities, to pretend that these jobs were necessary and this dam was necessary when they refused to submit the plan to the BC Utilities Commission. I'm happy to tell you that every single New Democrat MLA — myself, Lana Popham and Scott Fraser here today, but every single one of us voted against that motion. And we voted against it because it was wrong.*

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dqWDwRdDeXqtWysnLHl\\_ raeHuhUEl1Gdam6YaVNR4pg/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dqWDwRdDeXqtWysnLHl_ raeHuhUEl1Gdam6YaVNR4pg/edit)

*The most difficult decision for her in cabinet was the one to go ahead with the Site C hydroelectric project in northern B.C., a controversial initiative she had spoken out against long before she was elected.*

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/horgan-island-cabinet-ministers-make-transition-from-critics-to-the-criticized-1.23132915>

*During the election, Horgan criticized Clark's \$8.8-billion Site C dam on the Peace River as too expensive, too damaging to the environment and First Nations, and that we didn't need the power anyway.*

<http://theprovince.com/news/bc-politics/mike-smyth-it-was-the-wildest-year-ever-in-b-c-politics>

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*Rob Botterell, legal counsel for the Peace Valley Landowner Association, representing 70 landowners who will lose homes and property to the Site C dam, called on the NDP government to disclose who advised Cabinet on hydro rate increases in the event that Site C were terminated.*

*"We call on you and your colleagues in Cabinet and Caucus to publicly release the detailed, un-redacted, information and advice and analysis on which you based this finding," Botterell wrote to Attorney General David Eby and Environment Minister George Heyman.*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/15/ndp-government-s-site-c-math-flunk-say-project-financing-experts>

*In the meantime, the cost escalations on this project have been astonishing: approximately one percent per month. At this rate, the dam would cost many billions more by 2021, which is when the next election is scheduled.*

*When the Gordon Campbell government first raised the prospect of developing the Site C dam in 2009, it was estimated at between \$5 billion to \$6.6 billion.*

*Then it went to \$7.9 billion, then \$8.8 billion, and now the government is assuring us it will come in on-budget at \$10.7 billion, not counting financing charges.*

<https://www.straight.com/news/1008721/david-ebys-dilemma-wake-site-c>

*Site C will give B.C. a "competitive advantage," said the B.C. Chamber of Commerce.*

*Site C "helps secure our energy system," said the Vancouver Board of Trade.*

*It's like an echo chamber 5,000 kilometres away. Newfoundlanders heard the same sort of tripe from business boards and chambers when Dam Danny was boosting Boondoggle I.*

*Strange, isn't it, how the business crowd is eager to proclaim their authoritative expertise on issues such as power generation, public spending, government deficits and the dangers of a rising minimum wage, but they go eerily silent when the boondoggle goes bust.*

<http://www.thetelegram.com/opinion/columnists/brian-jones-british-columbia-gives-boost-to-boondoggle-ii-170266/>

*But much to your shock, Horgan keeps the pickup going in exactly the same direction. Then he puts his foot on the accelerator.*

<https://www.straight.com/news/1008351/does-andrew-weavers-response-site-c-justify-his-removal-head-bc-greens>

*KAIROS Canada is profoundly disappointed with the BC government's decision to continue with the Site C hydroelectric megadam project, as announced by Premier John Horgan on December 11.*

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/kairos-statement-site-c-dam>

*It's not my generational farm that could potentially be underwater, it's not my home that's been expropriated by BC Hydro, it's not my ancestry and heritage that is yet again being disregarded, treated as less than important. I will, however, say that I stand with them. I stand with the Peace Valley Land Owners Association. I stand with the West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations.*

*I stand with UNDRIP, Amnesty International, the Sierra Club, the Wilderness Committee, and countless other groups who remain opposed and ready to continue the fight against Site C. Perhaps now I can get some sleep.*

<http://www.dawsoncreekmirror.ca/opinion/columnists/hannah-o-brien-and-the-site-c-damn-dam-1.23124659>

*In an open letter to the Auditor General on behalf of both the PVLA and PVEA, Botterell Law Corp. asks Bellringer to audit the NDP government's rationale for continuing construction of the project. The two groups say that the following series of questions need to be answered by the Auditor General's office:*

<https://energeticcity.ca/2017/12/pvla-pvea-call-auditor-general-examine-site-c-decision/>

*Marc Ellisen - former president and CEO of B.C. Hydro. He was an expert intervener in the BCUC Site C inquiry, and has served in executive positions throughout the energy sector in Canada, including chairman/CEO of Ontario Hydro and chairman of Manitoba Hydro.*

<https://omny.fm/shows/the-jon-mccomb-show/former-bc-hydro-ceo-says-site-c-issues-wrong>

*I think of how the issues there parallel with what's happening in the Peace River Valley in British Columbia, where this week the newly elected NDP government approved the Site C hydroelectric dam project despite widespread Indigenous opposition.*

<https://nowtoronto.com/news/amnesty-international-write-for-human-rights/>

*Media Failed British Columbians on the Site C Dam*

<http://richardhughes.ca/corporate-media-criticized-misinformation-and-lack-of-informed-journalists-cited-umbians-on-the-site-c-dam/>

*Burritt, however, did not mention one of the major reasons why Tieleman is pro-Site C.*

*Tieleman is a registered lobbyist for several labour unions that will benefit from the decision. He was involved in the public relations campaign for the pro-Site C Allied Hydro Council of B.C.*

<http://thebreaker.news/miscellany/lobbying-pundit/>

*Dr. Tina Loo has written various pieces on the province's history with large Dam projects, most recently on Site C, and their effects on local communities and provincial economies.*

<http://www.history.ubc.ca/content/tina-loo-and-site-c-dam>

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*Horgan might think that he has ended the fight over Site C with another bad decision. But he is mistaken there too. Bad decisions have a history of generating more resistance — and that is one river that cannot be dammed.*  
<https://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2017/12/12/Pathology-Site-C/>

*In January, the federal Court of Appeal upheld a previous court decision that found the federal cabinet wasn't required to determine if there was any infringement of treaty rights before giving the go-ahead for the dam. Read that last sentence again.*

*This means the only way for First Nations to have their constitutionally protected rights considered at all is to launch a long and costly civil suit against the government (more on that legal quagmire here).*

*On Monday, the West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations announced they will file that civil suit. Meantime they are asking for an injunction to stop construction. The Globe and Mail referred to this move as an attempt to "drag the matter out in courts," a statement that displays a startling lack of understanding of treaty rights.*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/12/how-media-failed-british-columbians-site-c-dam>

*"The B.C. Ministry of Agriculture says we've got to add 200,000 acres of class 1 farmland and here we're going to destroy between 15,000 and 30,000 at Site C and flood it," said Harold Steves, a former NDP MLA who helped establish the Agricultural Land Reserve.*

*"This is intergenerational debt. Already they were talking 70 years but the price is going up so it'll be over 100 years," said Vicky Husband, an environmental activist.*

*"Reconciliation can't happen if you're continuously causing harm," said Ana Simeon, Fundraising Campaigns Manager for RAVEN. "And this valley will suffer great harm."*

<https://www.cheknews.ca/reaction-site-c-dam-announcement-strong-swift-396924/>

*Willson said Horgan had a chance to show his commitment to that relationship by cancelling the project, but "when it came to the decision, he buckled his knees."*

*Willson encouraged NDP voters and MLAs to leave the party over the issue.*

*"When you lie with dogs, you get fleas," he said.*

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/site-c-indigenous-reaction-british-columbia-1.4443808>

*Asked by phone about the auction, she told Metro the stake's actually not the Stake in the Peace campaign's to sell and West Moberly First Nation will make the final call on what to do with the Premier's painted post. (Chief Roland Willson could not be immediately reached for comment.)*

*"Because it's a Treaty 8 fundraiser — it's our campaign for them — the Chief of West Moberly First Nation has plans for Horgan's stake," she revealed. "They haven't announced what (the plan) is, but I don't think that stake's going to be around much longer."*

<http://www.metronews.ca/news/vancouver/2017/12/12/b-c-premier-horgan-s-literal-stake-in-the-peace-valley-is-now-for-sale-after-site-c.html>

*NYC Attack, Site C: Farmer, Pot Deal, Polar Bear Update, Old Gowns  
Dec 11, 2017 Site C with Ken Boon starts at 2:20 minutes*

<http://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/as-it-happens>

Rob Shaw; Ken Boon; Site C Dam open line.

4 - 5:00 p.m Dec 12, 2017

<http://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/radio-west>

*We have worked together to jointly ensure the relevant expert evidence was put before the Commission. To bring the best case forward during this last chance to save the Peace River Valley our organizations have incurred great expense, and are now fundraising to help cover those bills.*

[https://fundrazr.com/protectingthepeace?ref=ab\\_f4TyZe\\_ab\\_9zcoS1LdFv49zcoS1LdFv4](https://fundrazr.com/protectingthepeace?ref=ab_f4TyZe_ab_9zcoS1LdFv49zcoS1LdFv4)

*The worst of the problems with the tension cracks is past, according to geotechnical analysis accepted by the government. But the soon-to-be-awarded contract for the generating station and spillways will likely exceed the budgeted \$1.255 billion.*

<http://vancouver.sun.com/opinion/columnists/vaughn-palmer-getting-to-site-c-yes-driven-by-debt-for-nothing-status>

*"For the businesses, for the families, for the local First Nations in the area, this is the right decision," said Mike Bernier, who represents Peace River South in the legislature.*

*Green Leader Andrew Weaver said the decision could end up costing more than the new estimate of \$10.7 billion.*

*"Today, it's \$10.7 billion projected cost," he said. "So, who believes the \$10.7 billion? I certainly don't."*

<http://business.financialpost.com/pmn/business-pmn/canadian-press-newsalert-b-c-to-complete-site-c-dam-cost-rises-to-10-7b-2>

*Nonetheless, Weaver was insistent the NDP's explanation that finishing the dam was the only financially prudent option was "hogwash" and "political spin."*

*He said if the NDP was worried about the effects of \$4 billion in debt on the province's books, it wouldn't have scrapped tolls on the Port Mann and Golden Ears bridges, a choice he described as a cynical vote-buying measure.*

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3911809/green-leader-andrew-weaver-claims-ndp-site-c-decision-made-months-ago/>

*The project is already over its budget and despite the supposed energy and economic benefits it would bring, critics say the environmental cost is too great to ignore*

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/thenational/controversial-site-c-dam-to-proceed-1.4444006>

*It's not exactly the kind of chipper, can-do attitude you'd like to see in a government that's setting out to spend billions more dollars on the biggest project in B.C. history. If president John F. Kennedy had started the space program in this frame of mind, they'd barely be getting chimps into orbit by now.*

<http://www.vancourier.com/opinion/site-c-past-point-of-no-return-says-premier-1.23119792>

*"It's not OK to flood 80,000 hectares of agricultural land ... if we're government, then our plan is to go through the B.C. Utilities Commission and we will work to end Site C," said NDP MLA Michelle Mungall in a video from 2016, ahead of the provincial election.*

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/michelle-mungall-site-c-broken-election-promises-1.4445039>

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*But continuing means signing a blank cheque. The dam could cost \$10 billion, \$12 billion or \$15 billion. And the NDP government, having made the decision to go ahead, would own the consequences.*

*I'd say no.*

<http://willcocks.blogspot.ca/2017/12/why-id-kill-site-c.html>

*"It's pretty fresh and raw right now. I'm pretty much just doing the best I can to hold it together...If [Site C] moves forward right now, what does that say about our system and our politicians? How do you make your child grow up not cynical?"*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/09/site-c-decision-looms-peace-valley-locals-agonize-over-pending-loss-homes-livelihoods>

*Lastly....Site C, if approved...come election 2021 Site C will still be 4.. 5.. 6... years away from completion, all the cost overruns, geological and structural problems will be on full display, the ballooning cost overruns, the media and BC Liberals will blame your 2017 Site C waffling, this I know to be true, because even today, BC Liberals and our MSM have stated "Site C was on time and on budget until John Horgan took power"..*

<http://powellriverpersuader.blogspot.ca/2017/12/y-open-letter-to-john-horganccd-to.html>

*While the Greens encouraged emails to the NDP government, some dam opponents delivered the message more directly on Thursday.*

*A "train of protest" temporarily occupied the offices of Environment Minister George Heyman, Attorney-General David Eby and several other government MLAs in the Lower Mainland.*

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/site-c-decision-looms-for-green-liberal-ndp-mlas-1.4439998>

*The NDP have a big decision when it comes to Site C and it looks like they are preparing to make an announcement on whether they will continue on with the mega project, or scrap it.*

*Guest: Mike Smyth, Province Newspaper*

<https://omny.fm/shows/cknw/site-c-decision-looming>

*How tragic, absurdly comic or happy we make 2018 is down to us – most definitely down to our resistance. Last word on this most useful 2017 WOTY, to dictionary.com lexicographer Solomon: "We must not let this continue to be the norm. If we do, then we are all complicit."*

<http://commonground.ca/complicit-2017s-word-of-the-year-defines-our-future/>

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*The NDP government is days away from making their decision regarding whether or not to complete or kill Site C, a decision which will have implications for BC's economic, social and environmental future. As it remains unclear which way the NDP government is currently leaning, supporters want to ensure the government they voted for is clear on their expectations as long-time, dedicated NDP organizers and union members.*

<http://www.marketwired.com/press-release/prominent-ndp-members-ndp-volunteers-trade-unionists-sign-open-letter-premier-urging-2242383.htm>

*Indeed, if this government chooses to flood the Peace Valley (again), we may look back in years, drowning in unbearable power bills and debt, and realize that 2017 was the NDP's high watermark. Then came the flood.*

<http://commonsensecanadian.ca/approving-site-c-could-sink-ndp/>

*Site C has always been, and continues to be a "project looking for a purpose." In the past, Richard has supported a variety of proposals for the purpose of Site C.*

<http://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/opinion/letters/food-supply-concerns-part-of-site-c-climate-change-debate-1.23108806>

*Robert McCullough Cabinet Presentation*

*Best Advice - Implement Site C Cancellation Action Plan*

<http://mailchi.mp/570325764412/mccullough-presentation-on-site-c-cancellation?e=7e45085717>

*Bakker's research, based on data from BC Hydro and industry standards, challenges the idea that continuing Site C construction is the best way to maximize long-term sustainable jobs in the area.*

<https://news.ubc.ca/2017/11/30/a-b-c-without-site-c-best-bet-for-taxpayers/>

*Don't let the cynics tell you that First Nations are bad for the economy. If the B.C. Liberals had listened to First Nations before they started Site C, we'd have saved \$4 billion in sunk costs. If the NDP listens to us now, they'll save up to \$1 billion to \$5 billion more. B.C. Hydro's myths have been busted and it's time to change the channel. Cancel Site C.*

<http://vancouversun.com/opinion/op-ed/opinion-mythbusters-the-bcuc-and-the-site-c-dam>

*The press has been full of the debate about the Site C dam lately. Its great cost, its lack of markets, its consequences for the environment (at least a dozen serious, irreversible impacts, more than enough to have doomed any other project), the costs to ratepayers and job-seekers, have all commanded media attention, and properly so. Two issues have received much less attention, however.*

<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/op-ed/comment-the-forgotten-costs-of-the-site-c-dam-project-1.23108854>

*A coalition of 14 First Nations and Metis communities in Alberta and the Northwest Territories called on B.C. Premier John Horgan to cancel the Site C dam on the same day provincial cabinet ministers consulted with energy experts to help decide the fate of the controversial project.*

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/site-c-mackenzie-basin-delta-indigenous-communities-1.4427481>

*Eliesen said the BCUC report, coupled with the lessons learned from the unfolding Muskrat Falls fiasco, show that continuing with Site C "is such a calamity that you will have a white elephant."*

*"If we continue, you're going to have the same kind of thing taking place x number of years from now which is taking place in Newfoundland where a judicial inquiry is taking place," said Eliesen. "What went wrong and why did it go wrong?"*

*"My point is if you don't fix it you own it. And if the NDP continue with it they will own it."*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/01/site-c-decision-will-be-made-any-day-now-what-hell-going>

*McCullough, who has been working for the Peace Valley Landowner Association, as well as Austin are both expected to tell the government to cancel the project in favour of alternatives, according to a Globe and Mail report.*

<http://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/site-c/expert-panel-to-brief-ndp-on-site-c-today-1.23108853>

*Among the reasons to cancel the project, the First Nations say that officials from UNESCO and the IUCN found that Site C would have negative downstream effects to the Wood Buffalo National Park World Heritage Site.*

<https://energeticcity.ca/2017/11/downstream-first-nations-call-premier-horgan-cancel-site-c/>

*It's hard to believe that a little over a 100 years ago, when my own grandmother was a teenager, the government had been on the verge of building a dam in this very place. Site C, they were calling it.*

<https://www.vancouverobserver.com/opinion/opinion-letter-future-site-c>

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*The procedural integrity of the BCUC Site C inquiry requires that the BCUC disregard BC Hydro post-inquiry submissions, or give opposing parties an opportunity to respond.*

<http://mailchi.mp/9130e9e5f0c1/bc-hydro-post-inquiry-submission?e=3a12f0e536>

*"By 2054, the B.C. Utilities Commission alternative portfolio will have created three times as many jobs as Site C," Karen Bakker, one of the authors of the report and co-director of the Program on Water Governance, told DeSmog Canada.*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/11/28/alternatives-site-c-dam-will-create-way-more-jobs-ubc-analysis>

*Mr. Austin will tell cabinet that completing the project is not the best way to produce clean energy. The NDP government sent the project, which is already \$2-billion into construction, to a review of the B.C. Utilities Commission and Mr. Austin said that independent review demonstrates that the project, even this far along, is destined to be a white elephant because of the cheap renewable-power alternatives that are available.*

*"On the basis of the BCUC final report, the project should not proceed," he said. "In terms of public acceptability, climate action has to be done as cheaply as possible."*

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/site-c-dams-sustainability-on-top-of-bc-ndps-agenda/article37106878/>

*Our government leaders need to hear from you NOW- before they make a final decision on Site C. Let them know that it is clear from the BCUC report on Site C that the project needs to be cancelled immediately and that they have your full support when they make that decision.*

<https://sitec.realhearings.org/>

*"The permit is no longer the issue, but it took so long to get it, it made us miss an historic opportunity with the BCUC [BC Utilities Commission] to show everybody that this stuff is there and it works," said Alison Thompson, CEO of Borealis GeoPower and managing director of the Canadian Geothermal Energy Association (CanGEA).*

*She referred to the BCUC review of the Site C dam project.*

<https://www.biv.com/article/2017/11/geothermal-energy-optimism-heats/>

*WE ARE A COALITION OF BUSINESSES CALLING ON THE BC GOVERNMENT TO CANCEL THE SITE C PROJECT AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRIBUTED CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS THAT WILL CREATE GREEN JOBS AROUND THE PROVINCE.*

<https://choosegreenjobs.com/>

*We will be canvassing outside the museum where there is a an exhibition of 100 years of activism in Vancouver Can't make it on Saturday? Join us this Thursday, Nov 30th instead for a letter writing & pizza party in Port Moody!*

<https://www.facebook.com/events/887960184704932>

*Additional generation capacity may not even be necessary because BC Hydro currently exports or sells a significant amount of power, often at a loss, outside the province.*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/11/15/b-c-flooding-farmland-site-c-economic-folly>

*As the cost of renewables comes down, we're seeing changes in the predominant form of new energy build outs. We're seeing improved efficiencies in [newer] renewable energy technology that are changing the cost structure. Whereas hydropower still has plenty of labour, concrete, and transmission costs, the technology efficiencies being gained in wind and solar energy are causing the prices to come down; for example, a recent procurement process in Mexico saw solar projects come in cheaper than wind.*

[http://www.renewablecities.ca/thought-leader-interview/front-line-energy-colleen-giroux-schmidt-innergex?utm\\_source=twitterfeed&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://www.renewablecities.ca/thought-leader-interview/front-line-energy-colleen-giroux-schmidt-innergex?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter)

*With the cold climate and long winter nights, Iceland has 20 hours of darkness in the winter, and almost no arable land. The country's residents depend on greenhouses for much of fresh vegetables. Over the past few decades, Iceland has gone from importing almost all of its produce to growing almost all of it. The countryside is dotted with greenhouses, all heated by green, geothermal energy.*

[http://www.thinkgeoenergy.com/lessons-to-learned-from-geothermal-energy-fuelled-greenhouses-in-iceland/?utm\\_source=ThinkGeoEnergy+List&utm\\_campaign=bf6d1e8e83-](http://www.thinkgeoenergy.com/lessons-to-learned-from-geothermal-energy-fuelled-greenhouses-in-iceland/?utm_source=ThinkGeoEnergy+List&utm_campaign=bf6d1e8e83-TGE+Newsletter+RSS1&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_657e42f767-bf6d1e8e83-415218141)

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*Chief Roland Willson of West Moberly First Nation said in an interview with DeSmog Canada that the government must factor in a hefty legal settlement when it is looking at the cost of continuing the dam construction, as he says there is no doubt that proceeding with the \$9 billion dam would violate the 1899 Treaty 8 agreement.*

*"We are hoping that (the government) has enough information in front of them right now that Site C will not go forward," Willson said.*

*"If they approve it we will file."*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/11/23/first-nations-warn-province-could-face-billion-dollar-lawsuit-if-site-c-goes-ahead>

*"We've invited six experts that are well known in industry and in energy circles, to come and give us their views, just a 10- or 15-minute presentation from each of them, and then a bit of a debate," said Horgan.*

<http://vancouversun.com/opinion/columnists/vaughn-palmer-horgan-calls-experts-to-offer-cabinet-insight-on-site-c>

*The Commission did not assume a lower demand for electricity "because it is forecasting a period of lower economic growth for the province." Further, the Report does not state, nor does it suggest, that "major power consumers such as mining, forestry, technology and commercial sectors" are in or are going into "decline".*

*The Commission's consideration of the load forecast was based on a holistic assessment of the factors that drive demand for electricity. In our answer to the Deputy Ministers' question below regarding the rationale for the Commission's position, we present a description of the seven factors we considered. These include three factors that are directly related to economic growth: recent developments in the industrial sectors, GDP and other forecast drivers, and flattening electricity demand.*

[http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/NewsRelease/2017/11-23-2017 InformationRelease BCUC-responds-to-Site-C-Additional-Questions.pdf](http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/NewsRelease/2017/11-23-2017%20InformationRelease%20BCUC-responds-to-Site-C-Additional-Questions.pdf)

*Roland Willson, Chief, West Moberly First Nations with Adam Stirling on CFAX Thursday, November 23rd 2017 - 2:57 pm*

<http://www.iheartradio.ca/cfax-1070/roland-willson-chief-west-moberly-first-nations-1.3459455?mode=Article&autoplay=1.3459455>

*But first, Ken Boon and the last dinosaur, the Site C dam.*

*Gorilla Radio with Chris Cook*

<http://www.gorilla-radio.com/2017/11/23/gorilla-radio-chris-cook-ken-boon-whitney-webb-janine-bandcroft-november-23-2017/>

*The Site C Dam is a shameful monument of politics for which there is no point, no return.*

<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/letters/site-c-dam-a-shameful-monument-of-politics-1.23102860>

*Our new MLA, Mr. Milobar, is just like that deluded gambler. After all that has been revealed through the Utilities Commission's public hearings, including the hopeless prospects for Site C ever becoming economically viable and the dim to non-existent prospect of the province ever needing the power, Mr. Milobar still trots out the only potential advantage – a few short term jobs. That's it!*

<https://www.clearwatertimes.com/opinion/site-c-would-be-b-c-s-very-own-titanic/>

*Musk has high hopes for the wide-scale roll-out of solar and battery-based energy storage after acquiring SolarCity Corp. last year. Tesla sees the combination of those two clean energy technologies as key to its overall effort to accelerate the transition to renewables and wean the world off fossil fuels.*

[http://www.vancouver.sun.com/news/world/elon%20musk%20giant%20battery%20ready%20testing%20australia/15861388/story.html?utm\\_term=Autofeed&utm\\_campaign=Echobox&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Twitter#link\\_time=1511543081](http://www.vancouver.sun.com/news/world/elon%20musk%20giant%20battery%20ready%20testing%20australia/15861388/story.html?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_campaign=Echobox&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Twitter#link_time=1511543081)

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*The evidence is clear that it is not in the best interests of present and future ratepayers to build Site C.*  
<http://mailchi.mp/da0131b87c8d/impact-of-site-c-decision-on-present-and-future-ratepayers?e=f5c22db691>

*McCullough, who is neither registered as a lobbyist nor a donor to the NDP, said the cost of clean energy renewables like wind and solar is falling so rapidly around the world that the prices cited in the BCUC report are already too high and "obsolete."*  
<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/11/22/ndp-union-heavyweights-come-out-fighting-site-c>

*Given that only \$562 million has been spent on construction activities on-site as of June 30th, 2017, it seems unlikely that it would cost \$1.8 billion to remediate the site. Areas that were cleared within the last year showed vigorous regrowth of trees and vegetation last summer.*  
<http://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/opinion/letters/sunk-costs-on-site-c-not-wasted-1.23101607>

*Site C cancellation paves the way for John Horgan's energy and jobs plan for BC!  
For every dollar spent, the Premier's Plan will create twice as many local jobs retrofitting schools and businesses, as constructing Site C dam.*  
<https://www.facebook.com/rollingjusticebus/>

*Sonia Furstenau says while the BC Liberals have been stoking fear about the job losses that would result from cancelling the project, the UBC report points to the contrary.....*  
<https://www.mycoastnow.com/34839/mla-says-ubc-report-proves-best-cancel-site-c/>

*Today in the legislature I rose in Question Period to ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources about the escalating costs of Site C relative to the diminishing costs of renewables.*  
<http://www.andrewweavermla.ca/2017/11/21/contrasting-escalating-costs-site-diminishing-costs-renewables/>

*The latest: a rate freeze won't help BC Hydro; the public statement by the West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations about their meeting with BC Ministers last week; BC Green leader's letter on the BCUC report; letter-writing party success during a critical time in the fight against Site C.*  
<https://www.justthedamfacts.ca/the-facts-are-piling-up/2017/11/21/rate-freezes-lawsuits-and-letter-writing>

*By cancelling Site C, British Columbians will be spared an additional \$8 billion to \$10 billion expense, McCullough said – something he characterized as a "termination dividend."*  
<http://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/site-c/energy-experts-weigh-impacts-of-pending-site-c-decision-1.23102152>

*"While we cannot undo the past we can learn from it," he said. "Muskrat Falls is on the minds of all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, deservedly so. Today marks the start of getting the answers."*  
[https://www.canadianmanufacturing.com/environment-and-safety/inquiry-huge-cost-overruns-muskrat-falls-megaproject-begin-january-204587/?custnum=1516942&title=Operations+Manager&utm\\_source=CMO&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=171121A](https://www.canadianmanufacturing.com/environment-and-safety/inquiry-huge-cost-overruns-muskrat-falls-megaproject-begin-january-204587/?custnum=1516942&title=Operations+Manager&utm_source=CMO&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=171121A)

*The Ballad Of Site C*

[https://soundcloud.com/sh0kz/the-ballad-of-site-c?utm\\_source=soundcloud&utm\\_campaign=share&utm\\_medium=email](https://soundcloud.com/sh0kz/the-ballad-of-site-c?utm_source=soundcloud&utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=email)

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*Thielmann said he didn't see a way for government to approve the project while also adhering to the principals of UNDRIP and the 2014 Tsilhqot'in Supreme Court decision, which indicated Indigenous land rights cannot be violated without "compelling and substantial" objectives.*

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/west-moberly-prophet-river-first-nations-warn-site-c-approval-could-lead-to-billion-dollar-treaty-violation-1.4411061>

*Site C cancellation paves the way for John Horgan's energy and jobs plan for BC!*

*Marvin Shaffer, Energy Economist: "There is no justification for building Site C. Power BC is a better, more responsible plan." (2017)*

<https://www.facebook.com/rollingjusticebus/>

*"He's got unions yanking on him but he needs to understand the effects of what's going on here and how it's affecting a promised way of life, a constitutionally protected way of life."*

<http://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/site-c/finishing-site-c-would-spark-billion-dollar-lawsuit-first-nations-say-1.23100113>

*PVLA and PVEA have played a major role in the BCUC review of the Site C Dam at great expense with the help of our legal counsel and a renowned energy expert. Our goal as always is to Keep the Peace.*

[https://fundrazr.com/protectingthepeace?ref=ab\\_9zcoS1LdFv49zcoS1LdFv4](https://fundrazr.com/protectingthepeace?ref=ab_9zcoS1LdFv49zcoS1LdFv4)

*Site C jobs are often cited as a main reason to proceed with the \$9 billion dam on B.C.'s Peace River. But how many jobs would Site C actually create? Are there really 2,375 people currently employed on the project, as widely reported this month?*

*DeSmog Canada dove into Site C jobs numbers. We found dubious claims, political spin, and far too much secrecy.*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/11/16/digging-truth-site-c-dam-job-numbers>

*The replacement value of what will be lost by flooding far exceeds the dam's economic returns. Failure to account for the loss of ecosystem services puts us on a destructive course and undervalues natural capital in regulatory decisions.*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/11/15/b-c-flooding-farmland-site-c-economic-folly>

*What are the implications for food security? Facts and figures help paint a picture. B.C.'s farmers currently produce about 50 per cent of all foods consumed within the province. A 50 per cent increase in irrigated farmland — from 190,000 to 285,000 hectares — would be required within the next 20 years for British Columbians to attain food security.*

<http://vancouversun.com/opinion/op-ed/opinion-increase-irrigated-land-area-to-attain-food-security-in-b-c>

*There are more sensible ways to spend these dollars, such as fair-wage jobs building hospitals and schools. Less-expensive alternative-power projects could be built incrementally as demands are identified. More jobs can be created by incentives on energy-efficient upgrades and greener infrastructure. These jobs would be across the province in communities where people live, instead of artificial, remote and temporary work camps.*

*I encourage citizens to write to the premier and cabinet ministers.*

<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/letters/outdated-site-c-project-should-be-stopped-1.23099759>

*We are in the home stretch on the race to put Site C where it belongs... back in history as a project that just couldn't happen.*

<https://www.comoxvalleyrecord.com/opinion/letter-cancel-the-dam-and-move-ahead-with-sustainable-alternatives/>

*I realize the hour is late. I hope you can help us, those of us who remember that there was an effort made to dam the mighty Fraser River and wish to STOP the Site C.*

<https://thecoastnews.ca/site-c-dam-discussion/18939>

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*The heat is on, said Premier John Horgan, who is sending his ministers of Indigenous relations and energy to the region for consultations with First Nations and community representatives this week.*

<http://www.timescolonist.com/b-c-grapples-with-future-of-site-c-as-premier-horgan-sends-ministers-north-1.23091866>

*But Boon, who still lives on the farm that has been officially expropriated for the project, says his observations have led him to a different conclusion about how many workers there are.*

*"There's a lot of parked equipment. The parking lots at the camp are empty. When you go to the lookout and look down on the construction site, I would be surprised if there were half the workers there."*

*And he says the jobs numbers don't tell the complete story.*

*"At the end of the day, there will only be 25 workers there once construction is done."*

<http://www.news1130.com/2017/11/10/opponents-site-c-dont-believe-jobs-numbers/>

*In British Columbia, we've spent years doggedly covering the issue of the Site C hydroelectric dam, because it skipped a review of costs and demand by the B.C. Utilities Commission. We tracked down high-profile critics of the project, like the former CEO of BC Hydro, and spent time on the ground with those facing its biggest impacts.*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/11/10/can-reader-funded-news-save-canadian-journalism>

*Immediately after the BC Government announces a decision on Site C at the end of the year, the groups will put a second ad on air to respond to the government's decision.*

<http://sierraclub.bc.ca/radio-ads-urge-bc-to-cancel-site-c/>

*It is time to cut our losses, terminate the project and begin remediation. Save some of our best farmland and respect the Indigenous rights of the local First Nations. The lost jobs could be replaced in alternative energy projects such as geothermal, wind and solar.*

<https://www.comoxvalleyrecord.com/opinion/letter-it-is-morally-wrong-to-continue-with-site-c-dam-project/>

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*Cabinet is looking at the option of shifting the cost of stopping construction and restoring the site – an estimated \$3.8-billion in total – from Hydro's books to the direct provincial debt.*

<https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/bc-hydro-feels-revenue-squeeze-while-ndp-commits-to-rate-freeze/article36889306/?ref=http://www.theglobeandmail.com&>

*When you add the Site C fiasco to a failed LNG export industry, and the number of unfulfilled promises attached to it, one could argue the BC Liberals truly did not have any credible plan when it came energy policy in British Columbia during their tenure.*

<http://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/opinion/columnists/richert-bc-liberals-energy-plans-proving-to-be-powerless-1.23088411>

*Now is not the time for an outdated project that was not even favourable in the 1980s; now is the time for bold new ideas and industries that do not infringe on human rights or destroy our future food security (researchers from UBC argue that the dam would destroy prime agricultural land).*

*And just in case we do need a little more energy from time to time, why not have the clean, reliable Burrard Thermal on standby*

<http://www.tricitynews.com/opinion/letters/letter-reopen-burrard-thermal-1.23088495>

*New radio ad calling for end to Site C*

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/leadnow/Stop+Site+C+REV.mp3>

*Amnesty's report says the decision on Site C is an opportunity to set a new national precedent for government consultation on major projects.*

*Their report outlines over 30 recommendations for the federal and B.C. governments, the RCMP and industry. These include suspending and rescinding the Site C dam and all permits related to it, improving the federal inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and requiring that all reviews and approvals of resource extraction projects be informed by a "comprehensive gender-based analysis."*

<http://discoursemedia.org/gender-and-identity/women-site-c-concerns-impacts-hidden>

*A single video interview about Site C Dam published by non-profit DeSmog Canada drew 1.6 million views. It mixes funding from readers and philanthropies.*

<http://theconversation.com/a-good-news-story-about-the-news-in-british-columbia-87091>

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*"The new revelations about more geotechnical problems make it increasingly difficult to look at this project as one that will be in the best interests of British Columbia," the premier told reporters at the B.C. NDP's convention on Saturday.*  
<https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/cracks-in-site-c-projects-future-emerge-as-horgan-questions-if-its-in-bcs-best-interests/article36837600/>

*Johansson said Site C had nothing to do with the district's decision to embrace solar, even though the project's impacts on Hudson's Hope will be extensive. "It's purely a financial decision," she said. "It's a pragmatic cost saving."*  
*Despite conservation efforts such as installing LED lights in the town arena and other district buildings, Johansson said Hudson Hope's annual hydro bill climbed from \$68,000 in 2000 to \$172,000 in 2016.*  
*The cost of electricity for buildings with solar panels will be reduced by an average 75 per cent, according to the mayor.*  
<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/11/02/hudson-s-hope-goes-solar-town-faces-site-c-s-biggest-impacts>

*The controversial Site C dam is unlikely to be on time or on budget, according to a highly anticipated report from the B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC). The report said that the commission is not persuaded that the project can meet its initial completion date of 2024, and warns that costs could climb "in excess of \$10 billion," possibly exceeding its original \$8.3 billion budget by 20 to 50 per cent.*

*Guest: Karen Bakker - Professor, Canada Research Chair, and Founding Director of the Program on Water Governance at the University of British Columbia's Institute for Resources, Environment, and Sustainability.*  
<https://omny.fm/shows/the-jon-mccomb-show/the-site-c-dam-costs-could-exceed-budget-by-50>

*CanWEA notes that the BCUC also concluded that future growth in electricity demand will likely be lower than had been assumed in the Site C project forecasts. Given the uncertainty inherent in projecting future electricity demand growth, wind energy is well positioned to reduce risk for ratepayers because its scalability and relatively short construction timelines provide much more flexibility to system planners seeking to match future supply to future demand.*  
*CanWEA was also pleased to see the BCUC recognize that the variability of wind energy generation does not pose a major challenge to B.C. in alternative scenarios to Site C because B.C. already has substantial dispatchable hydro capacity in place."*

<http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/wind-energy-part-of-viable-alternative-to-site-c-bcuc-concludes-654549433.html>

*...according to Thompson, who also predicted that, based on U.S. figures, 660 megawatts of geothermal would result in 1,122 permanent jobs — about 15 times more than Site C would provide.*  
<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/10/17/geothermal-would-create-15-times-more-permanent-jobs-site-c-panel-told-bcuc-hearings-draw-close>

*Guest: David Morton - BCUC Chair & CEO and Site C Inquiry Panel*  
<https://omny.fm/shows/the-jon-mccomb-show/review-of-site-c-showed-bc-hydro-forecast-way-off>

*"The B.C. government must now take all information into account, including the economic capital provided by nature in the Peace," says Batycki. "We look forward to an announcement from the province that they are canceling Site C, and moving forward to create fair-wage jobs and truly sustainable economies across the province."*

<https://www.justthedamfacts.ca/the-facts-are-piling-up/2017/11/1/conservationists-welcome-bc-utilities-commission-review-of-site-c-dam>

*The Site C dam is a project that should never have been approved. As the British Columbia Utilities Commission has now concluded after a long overdue review of the cost and purpose of this project, completing Site C offers little or no economic benefit compared to less destructive alternatives and could ultimately cost much more and carry greater financial and legal risks. Completing the construction is, quite simply, bad public policy.*

<https://sooke.pocketnews.ca/open-letter-to-the-government-of-british-columbia-upholding-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples-means-stopping-site-c/>

*The Council of Canadians joins with West Moberly First Nation Chief Roland Willson, the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs, the Peace Valley Landowner Association, the Sierra Club of BC, Green Party leader Andrew Weaver, and numerous others in calling on Premier John Horgan's cabinet to cancel the Site C dam.*

<https://canadians.org/blog/bc-government-decide-december-cancel-or-continue-construction-site-c-dam>

*Rafe Mair loved B.C., both its people and its wild landscape. Rafe's power to protect the environment came from his experience spending time fishing B.C.'s wild rivers and streams, his courage to speak his mind, his knowledge of how government works, and his skill at speaking and writing. These attributes all combined to make Rafe a unique force of and for nature.*

<https://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2017/11/02/Must-Carry-Rafe-Mair-Battles/>

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<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/11/03/why-british-columbians-should-demand-public-inquiry-site-c-dam>

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# Why British Columbians Should Demand a Public Inquiry on the Site C Dam

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*But the panel also recounts a novel, perhaps ground-breaking, submission from Robert McCullough, the US-based energy expert retained by the anti-Site C Peace Valley Landowners Association.*

<http://vancouver.sun.com/opinion/columnists/vaughn-palmer-columbia-river-treaty-interesting-option-as-ndp-ponders-site-c>

*However, the panel said it found the arguments made by energy expert Robert McCullough, who was retained by Site C opponents, more persuasive than Hydro's objections.*

<https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/site-c-dam-not-needed-for-power-bc-utilities-commission-says/article36823254/?cmpid=rss1&ref=http://www.theglobeandmail.com>

*Phillip said people who want the project terminated need to be optimistic. "We need to support the work of this government. We have spent so many years in the trenches throwing rocks at this building over a whole number of issues, but now we have a government that's willing to invest in the people of British Columbia, so we have to give them the benefit of the doubt.*

<https://thetyee.ca/News/2017/11/03/Horgan-on-Site-C-I-Told-You-So/>

*On November 1 at 10 a.m., my staff and I started reading the BCUC's 299-page final report. To put it mildly, we were impressed. Actually, we were more than impressed. The BCUC had digested and reviewed the thousands of pages of submissions, winnowed the wheat from the chaff and made some courageous decisions, including:*

<https://www.biv.com/article/2017/11/bcuc-performed-impossible-task-efficiently-and-acc/>

*"I would like to see a full inquiry to investigate how BC Hydro executives and the previous government essentially conspired to manufacture the case for Site C," Marc Lee, a senior economist with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, told DeSmog Canada.*

*"As someone who strongly believes in public sector institutions and Crown corporations, to have our electricity utility lying to us, making up numbers and doing all sorts of spurious comparisons between its preferred option and the alternative is shameful."*

<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/11/03/why-british-columbians-should-demand-public-inquiry-site-c-dam>

*Premier John Horgan has given a blunt assessment of the report.*

*"I take no comfort in saying 'I told you so,' but I have been talking about the challenges of proceeding with a multi-billion dollar project without any third party oversight," Horgan told The Tyee on Thursday.*

*"The report speaks for itself. It demonstrates a project that's over budget, a project that will probably continue to be over budget with a whole bunch of challenges with contracts and so on."*

<http://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/site-c/greens-won-t-derail-ndp-government-if-site-c-allowed-to-finish-1.23083685>

*Andrew Weaver responds to BCUC report on Site C*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exKQKhA8xBU&feature=youtu.be>

*Harry Swain, former chair of the federal-provincial review of the Site C project*

<http://www.iheartradio.ca/cfax-1070/audio/harry-swain-former-chair-of-the-federal-provincial-review-of-the-site-c-project-1.3404818?mode=Article&autoplay=1.3404818>

*Major new tension cracks have appeared at #SiteC.*

<https://twitter.com/SavePeaceValley/status/925864433804439557>

*While the Commission did not make a formal recommendation, a careful review of the Final Report makes it clear that termination of Site C is less expensive and less risky than the alternatives, and the actual content of the full report makes that very clear.*

<http://www.peacevalleyland.com/sitecinquiry>

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 3:56 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX  
**Cc:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, AEST AEST:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX; Minister, CITZ CITZ:EX; Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; Minister, TRD JTT:EX; Minister, LBR LBR:EX; Minister, MH MH:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX; Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; Minister, TAC TAC:EX; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX; BC Greens; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Olsen.MLA, Adam LASS:EX; Furstenau.MLA, Sonia LASS:EX  
**Subject:** "Despite Warnings it won't save M.Caribou" Wolf slaughter continues  
**Categories:** FYI

Dear Honourable Members,

When we "voted for change" during the last election, British Columbians voted for a change to the archaic, hunter/trapper/industry preferred wildlife "management" policies of the liberals!

Despite independent biologists' statements regarding wolves being used as smoke screens for the ravages on Mountain Caribou habitat that your very own FLNRO allows and MoE's COS don't seem to be concerned about policing, elected government seems oblivious to what is really doing on!

IF you wish to be considered "transparent" and IF you would like British Columbians to trust and respect your policies on wildlife "management", it IS going to be necessary to rein in the reigning bureaucrats that to British Columbians, appear to favour industry, hunters, trappers, and snowmobilers, instead of the preservation of wildlife and wild places.

Certain members of government cannot continue to tout the virtues of "science", if they are going to ignore scientific facts and findings.

The problem for you, Honourable Members, is that most British Columbians are blaming you, our elected members, for the continued slaughter of wolves under the guise of "saving" M. Caribou.

The choice is simple..

Will you choose to believe what those backing industry, hunters, trappers etc are telling you?

OR

Will you be brave enough to learn the truth and act accordingly?

Food for thought:

<https://www.desmog.ca/2018/02/19/b-c-continue-wolf-cull-despite-warnings-it-won-t-save-caribou>  
and

<http://cfjctoday.com/article/609611/two-caribou-shot-and-killed-north-prince-george>  
and

<https://www.facebook.com/kootenayreflections/photos/a.1654558548111325.1073741828.1653877431512770/2058942801006229/?type=3&theater>

and to show that nothing has changed for the better:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10153030310739898&set=a.10150728730259898.424715.546384897&type=3&theater>  
and finally:  
<http://vancouversun.com/opinion/op-ed/opinion-political-populations-plague-wildlife-management>

Today, it is YOUR choice what you will do to improve the protection of our wildlife and wild places.  
Today, it is YOUR choice to live up to your promise of change.

Respectfully,

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 10, 2018 12:02 PM  
**Subject:** Site C Dam – still on life support as opposition continues,By Warren Bell in Opinion, Energy | February 9th 2018  
  
**Categories:** FYI

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2018/02/09/opinion/site-c-dam-still-life-support-opposition-continues>

## **Site C Dam – still on life support a**

By Warren Bell in Opinion Energy | February 9th 2018

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**Cc:** Bains, Harry; Begg.MLA, Garry LASS:EX; Brar.MLA, Jagrup LASS:EX; Chandra Herbert.MLA, Spencer LASS:EX; Chen.MLA, Katrina LASS:EX; Chouhan.MLA, Raj LASS:EX; Chow.MLA, George LASS:EX; Conroy.MLA, Katrine LASS:EX; Darcy.MLA, Judy LASS:EX; Dean.MLA, Mitzi LASS:EX; D'Eith.MLA, Bob LASS:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Donaldson.MLA, Doug LASS:EX; Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX; Elmore.MLA, Mable LASS:EX; Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; Fleming.MLA, Rob LASS:EX; Fraser.MLA, Scott LASS:EX; Glumac.MLA, Rick LASS:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX; Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX; Kahlon.MLA, Ravi LASS:EX; Kang.MLA, Anne LASS:EX; Krog.MLA, Leonard LASS:EX; Leonard, Ronna-Rae; Ma.MLA, Bowinn LASS:EX; Mark.MLA, Melanie LASS:EX; Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX; Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX; Ralston.MLA, Bruce LASS:EX; Rice.MLA, Jennifer LASS:EX; Robinson.MLA, Selina LASS:EX; Routledge.MLA, Janet LASS:EX; Routley, Doug; Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX; Simpson.MLA, Shane L LASS:EX; Sims, Jenny; Singh, Rachna; Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX; Minister, TAC TAC:EX; The Tyee.ca; DesmogCanada; Palmer, Vaughan; Olsen.MLA, Adam LASS:EX; Furstenau.MLA, Sonia LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Supporting Elizabeth May - Saanich-Gulf Islands GSM; Times Colonist; Saanich News; Peninsula Review; Victoria News; pvla; Common Sense Canadian  
**Subject:** BC February 2018 Budget  
**Categories:** FYI

*Ms James  
Minister of Finance for British Columbia.*

*It occurs to me that you must be trying to come up with a budget for BC due in February 2018 and I hear that you have anticipated a surplus of \$2.7 billion.*

*Is this just an operating budget or will it also cover all financial dealings for BC?*

*Will you, for example, be taking into account the contractual obligations of BC Hydro? We are used to the last government basically hiding such liabilities from the budget and I am wondering if you will include such items, or if you will stick strictly to the operating allotment of money.*

*For instance, we are, I understand, paying about \$50 million a year to the Independent Power producers to **not** operate their run of the river projects as we do not need the electricity and cannot sell it to California anyway.*

*Is this correct? Why then are these run of the river project contracts not bought out and the rivers refurbished to allow fish to spawn again?*

*What is the cost of cancelling these ridiculous contracts, so lucrative for the IPPs but very expensive for us? Could they be cancelled with any money saved by cancelling that equally ludicrous Site C dam, perhaps with some to spare to be put to education and/or health?*

*Are the people of BC on the hook for the cleaning up of the Mt. Polley Mine's tailings pond mess, or are we simply going to allow the tailings from that mine to continue to be inserted directly into the Quesnel Lake? Have you also allowed for the costs to the people of BC for a similar "accident" at the Red Chris Mine? The previous regime received soo much election donation money from Imperial Mines they forgave everything.*

*What about the dams all over northern BC built by Petronas without proper environmental studies or even acceptance? The Canadian Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans has, it appears, washed their hands of such things and are leaving it to the people of BC to try and figure them out. How much money are you allotting to solve these problems and free the rivers for fish again in your February Budget?*

*How much money has or is going to be allotted to fight the Kinder Morgan diluted bitumen pipeline? Or perhaps objection to that too will be abandoned as in the about-face approval of the completely unnecessary Site C dam.*

*I sincerely trust it will not be more of the same old corporate spin with just different names attached.*

*How about it Ms James? Are we going to start to honour our treaties with the aboriginal peoples or continue to act like arrogant settlers? There are two sides to every treaty Ms James.*

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**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bowinn.Ma@leg.bc.ca; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Keith Baldrey  
**Subject:** Site C's Shaky Economic Justification Is Proof It's Time To Make Decisions Differently | DeSmog Canada  
  
**Categories:** FYI

<https://www.desmog.ca/2018/01/18/site-c-s-shaky-economic-justification-proof-it-s-time-make-decisions-differently>

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** Please stop Site C  
  
**Categories:** FYI

Please stop Site C. We can't afford it; the environment can't afford it; the planet can't afford it. There must be other, better ways than a "solution" that requires thousands of fish to be trucked around the dam each year:  
<https://www.desmog.ca/2016/04/04/bc-hydro-s-bizarre-multi-million-dollar-boondoggle-save-fish-site-c-dam>

Yours,  
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**From:** Ken Boon <pvla@xplornet.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:53 AM  
**To:** Ken Boon  
**Subject:** Site C Related Media

*Continuing with Site C is a bad decision on so many levels. What's worse is how low Horgan had to stoop to try to rationalize it. He engaged in irresponsible fear-mongering, the logic of which does not stand up under scrutiny.*  
<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/op-ed/comment-site-c-continues-on-premier-s-faulty-arguments-1.23121222>

*She pointed to a filmed interview with Horgan's from 2014 as indication of her nation's legal standing. "First Nations in the region have entrenched constitutional rights," Horgan stated in that interview. "Not just the requirement for consultation and accommodation — which we always hear about when we're talking about resource projects — but they have entrenched constitutional rights to practice hunting and fishing as before."*  
*"And that's going to be violated by this dam."*  
*Under Horgan the B.C. government made a commitment to embrace and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which calls for "free, prior and informed" consent.*  
*On September 13, 2017, the 10th anniversary of the declaration, Horgan said "Our government understands the enormous responsibility we have to Indigenous peoples, in the face of historical wrongs that have never been made right and in the wake of inaction by government after government."*  
<https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/11/b-c-first-nations-call-injunction-site-c-they-prepare-civil-suit>

*Premier John Horgan said he is not bound to uphold his commitments to reconciliation with British Columbia's First Nations in the case of the Site C dam, saying the \$10.7-billion dam his cabinet has decided to complete is not really his project.*  
*"It's my view that activities that began before I was sworn in as Premier are out of my control," Mr. Horgan said in an interview on Tuesday. "In the case of Site C, I really have to say it is 25-per-cent done. It's not like I'm going to [start] it — I'm going to finish it."*  
*Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, said his phone call with Mr. Horgan on Monday did not go well. "I hung up on him," he said in an interview, adding that the Premier has "pretty much poisoned the well" for reconciliation between the province and Indigenous communities.*  
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/bcs-john-horgan-faces-ire-of-first-nations-after-site-c-approval/article37310963/>

*Today the Peace Valley Solidarity Initiative (PVSII) announced that an Accountability Summit on Site C will be held in Vancouver on January 20 - 21, 2018, to hold the NDP government to account for its unconscionable decision to complete construction of the Site C hydroelectric dam project.*  
<http://www.marketwired.com/press-release/peace-valley-solidarity-initiative-sets-date-accountability-summit-on-ndps-reckless-2243055.htm>

*Foy was not impressed, "Maybe Mr Horgan is going to genetically modify money so you can eat it like lettuce, but if he can't figure out how you can eat money there is no way you can fix drowning all that farmland. No matter what you say, food comes from sun, water and land. When you drown [farm]land, you drown food.*  
<https://theecoreport.com/bc-moving-forward-site-c/>

*Critics of John Horgan and his government say the premier has made an error after he announced the Site C dam will be completed.*  
<http://aptnnews.ca/2017/12/11/critics-say-bc-premier-made-wrong-call-site-c-dam/>

*"Speaking of dinosaurs, I was a founding member of the NDP in 1961, but it has taken me 50 years to find out what the "D" stands for. It's the New Dinosaur Party," said Steves.*

<http://www.richmond-news.com/news/site-c-decision-riles-richmond-new-democrats-1.23120796>

*So much for reconciliation, so much for the environment and farmland, so much for a world-class river and its valley. So much for fiscal responsibility. So much for learning from Muskrat Falls.*

<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/letters/ndp-abandons-its-loyal-base-1.23121239>

*Building the dam is like throwing good money after bad, he argues. "This is the sunk-cost fallacy, which you learn in Economics 101: the fact that a project has lost money does not mean you must spend more money on it."*

<https://www.coastclarion.ca/im-extremely-disappointed-site-c-is-a-monument-to-nineteenth-century-technology/>

*I share your frustration. Site C was a boondoggle made by the former BC Liberals government. Now this BC NDP government owns it. Now Site C is their project, and we all are going to pay for it for a very long time!*

<http://adamolsen.bcgreencaucus.ca/video-response-site-c-decision/>

*"Today's decision is disappointing," said AFN National Chief Bellegarde. "I am confident that First Nations will continue their efforts to stop Site C and the next step will be legal challenges.*

<http://www.afn.ca/2017/12/12/site-c-dam-decision-disappointing-completely-contrary-reconciliation-says-afn-national-chief-bellegarde/>

*Horgan did not clearly spell out how much it will cost B.C. ratepayers to pay for Site C electricity. Nor could he guarantee the cost of the project, already heading for a 30-per-cent overrun, will avoid rising another 20 per cent to \$12.5 billion as the province's utilities regulator has warned it could.*

<http://business.financialpost.com/opinion/terence-corcoran-another-green-power-boondoggle-sinks-taxpayers-and-consumers-in-the-red>

*First, UBC's Karen Bakker, who authored a report last month forecasting the Site C Dam would generate fewer jobs than alternative energy projects, weighs in on the province's decision on Site C.*

<https://soundcloud.com/bivpodcast/episode-117-site-c-gets-approved>

*The Wilderness Committee has reacted with shock and anger at the news that B.C. Premier John Horgan has given the green-light to the massive, misguided Site C dam project. However, was cancelling the project really ever that feasible?*

*Guest: Joe Foy - National Campaign Director, Wilderness Committee*

<https://player.fm/series/the-simi-sara-show/environmentalists-outraged-by-govt-decision-to-continue-with-site-c-construction>

*Premier Rachel Notley said the average 3.7 cents per kilowatt-hour bid by the three companies is the lowest electricity price in Canada and bodes well for future similar auctions.*

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/renewable-energy-program-electricity-alberta-bidders-contracts-1.4446746>

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