

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Ken Boon <pvla@xplornet.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2017 6:57 PM
To: Ken Boon
Subject: Site C Related Media

"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_raeHuhUEI1Gdam6YaVNR4pg/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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From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2017 7:09 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Ken Boon
Subject: Re: site C decision

I am one more long-time NDPer who has pulled my membership and support from the BC NDP Party due to the Site C fiasco decision.

Our dismay at your government's decision has caused a great deal of confusion among my friends & colleagues and a feeling of disbelief still holds. We are putting our trust now in the building hope that you can turn this decision around.

Your supporters know this is the worst decision for our future. A month ago, we felt that BC was ready to take the bold leap into the 21st Century and encourage alternate forms of energy for our future needs. We believed we could be global leaders in a future of sustainable energy and environmental optimism.

We do not believe that the fight to save the Peace River Valley is over. The Moberley Lake First Nation has a court challenge that will cause the delay of the project. In the meantime, we ask you to reconsider your decision based on the evidence that is flowing your way, including the BCUC ruling, that it is not too late to turn this around.

We would support and admire such a brave move from your government.

We look forward to a Victoria hearing at the end of January to further examine Site C decision.

Sincerely,
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<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/op-ed/comment-reverse-direction-on-site-c-or-pay-the-price-1.23128655>

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2017 5:19 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: I hope 2018 brings better decisions

Dear Premier Horgan,

As a British Columbian who voted for change in 2017, I celebrated the end of the Liberal lock on our provincial government. I celebrated the opportunity for a more transparent and more just government with broader representation of the people in this province.

But, I am so deeply disappointed by the decision to go ahead with Site C. Here's why:

- Having read and researched extensively, the evidence (i.e. from the BC Utilities Commission) does not support a business case for the destructiveness of Site C. It was a Liberal boondoggle... but the NDP will wear it now.
- The Site C project is a violation of Indigenous rights - and too many governments have made too many excuses for this same violation. This is no different, and is not justified by short term cost arguments. Your party made a promise to respect indigenous rights - and this is an absolute fail on that promise.
- Flooding the Peace River Valley is a violation of Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution. This issue has not been addressed. Are you content to proceed without resolving indigenous rights in this instance?
- The Site C decision will damage the NDP in the next election. All the supporters I know are extremely disturbed by this decision. The family and friends I know who vote Liberal... are indifferent. This has not won the NDP any support. But it has lost you people who now intend to vote Green or independent.

I heard your year end axiom - that you must put aside your 'activism' to become better 'administrators'...?! As a communications professional, I'm not sure who let such a lame statement be featured in your year end interview.

I did NOT vote for a new batch of administrators. I can think of nothing less inspiring now, or for any future election. I voted for action.

I hope you and the NDP will rethink this losing strategy... it's a loss for your party, for indigenous peoples, for taxpayers, for our ecosystem and in pretty much every imaginable way.

Sincerely,
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From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 30, 2017 11:18 PM
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Olsen.MLA, Adam LASS:EX
Subject: Re: Site C, Electrification, and Salmon Genocide

Dear Mr. Premier:

Now that you have pulled the pin on Site C, an utterly regrettable and wrong headed decision, you must atone by announcing an aggressive electrification strategy and demonstrating your care for the biosphere in other ways.

1. Use your power to ask the Federal Government to require car companies to sell an escalating percentage of electric vehicles. The car companies only really sell EVs if compelled to. Otherwise they use them to greenwash their reputations or to get credits to sell more large SUVs in the US.
2. Announce stronger incentives for EVs, and for the necessary charging infrastructure.
3. After cleaning house at BC Hydro, mandate our publicly owned utility back in the business of aggressive demand side management, helping to make the best use of the lowest cost resource (conservation), and freeing up more green(ish) power for sale to other jurisdictions.
4. Adopt closed containment and effluent dumping bans for salmon farms in BC, and show that you care for BC's ecosystem. NO fish farms should be allowed in ocean waters. ALL should be terrestrial closed containment. Failure to do so make your government complicit in the extirpation of a species that defines British Columbia.

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From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 30, 2017 8:53 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Ralston.MLA, Bruce LASS:EX; James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX; Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX; Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX; Donaldson.MLA, Doug LASS:EX; Chow.MLA, George LASS:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX; Bains.MLA, Harry LASS:EX; Sims.MLA, Jinny LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Darcy.MLA, Judy LASS:EX; Chen.MLA, Katrina LASS:EX; Conroy.MLA, Katrine LASS:EX; Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX; Beare.MLA, Lisa LASS:EX; Mark.MLA, Melanie LASS:EX; Michelle Mungall; Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; Fleming.MLA, Rob LASS:EX; Fraser.MLA, Scott LASS:EX; Robinson.MLA, Selina LASS:EX; Simpson.MLA, Shane L LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Andrew Weaver; Sonia Furstenu; Adam Olsen
Subject: Reverse the Site C Decision

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Dear Premier Horgan:

CC. NDP Cabinet Members, Green Party, Distribution Lists

Your explanation for continuing Site C was quite inadequate. How can terminating a project that has cost 2.1 billion plus remediation at 1.8 billion be more costly than completing it for a total of 10.7 billion? The 2.1 billion has already been spent. Your ability to carry out social programs should be aided by not needing to spend another 8 billion (or more) to complete another mega dam that is not needed.

You argue that cancelling construction would immediately add to the provincial debt. Jan Slomp (2017) of the National Farmer's Union writes: "BC Hydro is a provincially owned Crown Corporation, with net earnings that contribute to the annual provincial budget. If the Horgan government wanted to shut down Site C, BC Hydro's net earnings, debt and equity would allow for an internal schedule to recover the costs already incurred on Site C. These payments would affect BC's budget very marginally and it would definitely save BC residents in the long term, whether in taxes or hydro rates. From a strict financial perspective, cancelling a project with a \$2.1 billion sunk cost would be more prudent than locking BC residents into an open-ended juggernaut, with a budget exceeding \$10 billion and more unforeseen construction costs down the road."

Continuing the project, even though it is not fully justified, requires a certain degree of stubbornness and inability to recognize when to change happens. It's a phenomenon in which people stick with something because they've already invested so much time, money or energy, even if it's not the best decision. "Just because you've lost money on something or spent some money on something doesn't mean you should keep doing it." The financial term for this is the 'sunk cost fallacy' (Azpiri 2017).

The estimated debt of 1.8 billion for remediation is an estimate in the mid-range of a wide range of guesses. There is no existing remediation plan, so the reasonable thing to do would be to form a land planning group consisting of Peace Valley residents, First Nations, and government. There would be basic remediation such as bank stabilization, trees, shrubs and ground cover. A certain amount of fill in would be accomplished by natural regeneration. The cost would certainly be less than 1.8 billion, perhaps between 0.3 to 0.5 billion. This could be covered by the same internal schedule as the sunk costs.

Unfortunately, you ignored all the good economic advice you got, and you followed Christy Clark's decision, based primarily on BC Hydro recommendations with no second expert review by BCUC. You ignored the recent BCUC review and Deloitte's review, and expert opinions by Harry Swain, Marc Eliesen, Robert McCullough, and others, and you gave greatest weight to economic elites, business and labor organizations, entrenched civil servants, and a Crown Corporation whose main objective is maintenance of its authority and control of BC electricity.

You did not take account of other economic factors, environmental impacts and social impacts by the dam: loss of thousands of hectares of highly productive agricultural land and economic potential for increased agriculture and food supply; loss of land and livelihoods of landowners and farmers; loss of ecosystem services from the Peace River watershed, vegetation and wildlife diversity; lost Carbon Capture and Sequestration by destroyed vegetation; migrations of mammals and birds with international implications, and fish movements in the river; impacts on the downstream water supply for wetlands in Wood Buffalo Park in Alberta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (Nikiforuk 2017); and critically, infringement on the Treaty 8 rights of the First Nations on the Peace River--hunting, fishing, trapping, protection of grave and sacred sites, etc.

How are you going to establish good relations, nation-to-nation, and an accord on Indigenous Rights, if you and developers keep unilaterally taking away or degrading the land and water? And more philosophically, is it morally right to destroy a river passage that is like none other in western Canada, cutting deeply through low mountains and plains, with unique microclimates and innumerable ecosystems and species such as exist nowhere else. This land and water is the birth-right of the FN who have lived here for millennia. When are we going to develop an honest Land Ethic in which we honor and respect the Rights of Nature? (Leopold 1949; David Boyd 2017).

The most important thing you forgot, in my view, is the impact this mega-dam will have on Climate Change. The news now regularly contains items on climate change, and we know the big changes in climate and weather patterns--temperature, glacier and ice cap melting, ocean rise, increasing ocean acidity, increases in storm strengths (hurricanes, typhoons), extreme precipitation and drought, increasing incidence of wildfires -- the impacts go on and on. This means that in all our development actions, we must consider the impacts of each action on climate. And we need to save ecosystems for their carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) abilities, and forest and agricultural production.

Why did you not consider what climate impacts the damming of a large river and creation of a large reservoir would have on the environment and climate? What would its carbon footprint be? Several decades of study have shown that mega-dams are not clean energy—they release both CO₂ and methane(CH₄) from soil disturbance and flooded decomposing vegetation. Further, a high amount of CO₂ is produced in the manufacture of cement, steel and other components (Schindler 2017). And the scores of excavators and trucks give rise to tonnes of CO₂, NO_x, and black carbon. In the present crisis of climate change, any development activity must take into account the carbon footprint (impact of GHGs causing heating of the atmosphere).

I understand that you will soon travel to the far east to visit Japan, Korea and China. A major topic will be LNG. So again you follow the path of Christy Clark. I suspect that extracting LNG and fracked natural gas was a big factor in your decision to complete Site C, and also those who influenced you. Perhaps you were thinking to complete the dam to give the possibility for supplying more water and electricity to support fracking and LNG plants?

Fracked natural gas and LNG is the wrong path for BC, and for the world. Fracked natural gas, predominantly composed of methane (CH₄) is not a bridge to a cleaner atmosphere. CH₄ is a full-fledge fossil fuel! Experts peg fracked natural gas with a Global Warming Potential higher than oil or petrol, and similar to that of coal, sometimes depending on coal grade even greater (Howarth 2014). Fracked natural gas loses considerable CH₄ during its extraction, processing, pipeline transportation, LNG liquefaction, shipping, regasification, distribution, and final burning. Christy and her 'clean energy' was only talking about the final burning of the gas at the end of the life cycle. LNG liquefaction also has significant emissions. Liquefaction is usually done by burning incoming natural gas; electricity can be used in combination with gas.

In fracking, huge volumes of water containing a wide range of possible chemicals, sand and other agents are forced under great pressure down vertical then horizontal bore pipes, emerge from exploded holes in the horizontal pipe, and are forced into a system of cracks in adjacent geologic layers. After a period of time fracking is stopped and gases and wet organics flow back into the pipe and upwards to the surface, where the gases and organics are collected and separated, and wastewater held in containment ponds.

It is well documented that not all of the 'slickwater' containing the gases moves back into the bore pipes. Some escapes and travels outside of the pipes, some reaching the ground surface. Cement caps and encasements around the vertical bores are supposed to stop this upward flow, but cracks develop over time in the cement, maybe from earthquakes. Some of the fracked gas-liquid may even move considerable distances away from the drilling site in natural faults, and pollute aquifers and surface waters. It is documented that escape of gasses and organics have tainted water wells of houses and farmsteads, rendering the water undrinkable. The most spectacular effect is tap water that can be ignited! As well, studies in the US have shown that proximity to fracking operations, has influenced adult health and birth defects in infants.

The Pembina Institute and Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions published a report in 2014 on the use of LNG in B.C (Horne & MacNab 2014). The Clark government's claim that LNG exports offer the "greatest single step British Columbia can take to fight climate change" is inaccurate [actually wrong!] in the absence of stronger global climate policies. The Report states that "Natural gas does have a role to play in a world that avoids two degrees Celsius in global warming, but only if strong emissions reduction policies are put in place in the jurisdictions that produce and consume the gas."[my emphasis]

By going the natural gas route we simply slow down the rate of adoption of truly clean alternative energies. Even if we manage to get CAPP and oil companies to act responsibly to reduce the fugitive losses of CH₄ (they say by 2025, but this is doubtful; they will not do this until the US-EPA mandates it, which is highly unlikely under Trump and Pruitt) we may only achieve a reduction of 40 to 45% of the present losses of CH₄. CH₄ is 108 times more powerful in Global Warming Potential than CO₂ over a time-frame of 10 yrs; 86 times over 20 yrs; and 34 times over 100 yrs (Howarth 2014). We are so far along in climate change, with air temperature increase over 1.0 °C (since ca. 1900), that we must work for much faster reductions of green house gas (GHG) emissions, and much sooner.

The UN climate program and the world's top climate scientists and activists urge levelling off and reduction of GHG emissions in the next 3 years (Figueres et al. 2017). In my reading, fracked natural gas will not provide a

bridge to zero-carbon clean energy before we reach 2 °C. Canadian and provincial government actions to reduce fugitive emissions are dreadfully slow.

Carbon capture and storage (CCS) is a possibility, but so far no fully effective techniques have been developed (Hawken 2017). The only fully effective CCS so far seems to be the natural CO₂ capture by green plants, especially forests and grasslands, transfer and storage as underground carbon. Agricultural land if managed correctly can be quite effective for CCS in soil.

If you have dreams for natural gas and LNG, I think you should abandon them, and leave the gas in the ground. If we can stabilize at 2.0 °C or less, we can always come back to natural gas, it will still be there. It seems to me that the Asian countries will be buying LNG and natural gas cheaper from producers closer to them than Canada. Besides, China and India are moving rapidly along paths of alternative clean energies, and other countries know they should move away from fossil fuels, including natural gas. If you try to play the LNG export game, you will be hindered by the tax- and subsidy-favorable deals that Clark cut with Petronas, which is embedded in B.C. legislation for years. So we would end up selling the LNG at bargain basement prices. (This would be comparable to selling electricity from Site C at far less than its cost to generate.) And we will be wasting our time and money on the fossil fuel energies of the previous industrial revolution, when we should be transitioning rapidly into the clean energies industrial revolution.

We should be moving toward a sustainable economy based on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) enunciated by the UN. It is essential to rapidly switch off the fossil fuels with high GHG emissions, and move to affordable clean energy, SDG 7. This can be done developing local grids and distributed energy, which can be linked to the existing hydro grid of BC Hydro. First Nations and local communities have much interest in local clean energy systems (mostly run-of-river, solar, wind). Several have already have built or are interested in community energy systems, and these could be promoted.

BC already has plenty of electricity to last for decades. Any shortfalls can be supplemented by several sources we already own—Columbia River entitlement, Burrard Inlet natural gas plant, adding generation capacity to dams already in the BC system, and actually using existing run of river facilities. Wind and solar prices are falling rapidly, and are comparable to hydro, even cheaper. Geothermal, although more expensive, could readily be geared up, drawing on existing expertise in fracking. Low periods of production by solar and wind can be augmented by storage in our hydro reservoirs, pumped storage, and developing big battery storage technology (e.g. Elon Musk, European battery systems). There are numerous potential jobs in clean renewable energy, as well as immediate jobs in energy conservation programs, new housing and energy retrofits.

I urge you to abandon the LNG idea, and to focus on Clean Energy. I hate the idea that my children and grandchildren, and BC citizens, will be paying for un-needed hydro from Site C for generations, especially since we don't need it AND because hydro is not the cleanest of energies. You should stop Site C now, it was Christy Clark's project and you and your party should not have to assume the blame for it. You should get with the new age of Sustainable Development, first by whole-heartedly adopting Clean Energy alternatives, then working on your progressive, socially-orientated programs that would make Tommy Douglas, and David Lewis and Jack Layton proud.

Please reverse your decision on Site C, it will drag you and the NDP down. But worse, it will unnecessarily burden all of us, the rate and tax payers, the Greens, and the Liberals, and slow up the inevitable conversion to Clean Energy and Sustainable Development. Adopt sustainable development and establish yourself as a champion of climate action and clean energy! Then of course, work on critically needed social and sustainability programs – indigenous rights, housing, efficient mass transportation, electric vehicles, child care, health care, poverty and living wages, bikes-ridesharing, education, and so on. Lots of jobs will be

produced by clean energies, new housing, energy conservation in new and retrofit building, sustainable forestry and agriculture, etc.

I believe the majority of people of BC are ready and anxious for these changes. Your government should help to make these changes happen!

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NOTE: I will send copies of articles (not books) if requested.^{s.22}

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. I supported the NDP and Green Coalition before your announcement, and would like to continue to do so. But if you go ahead with the highly unjust, un-needed and destructive Site C, I must withdraw my support for you and the NDP, and go full bore with the Greens or wherever Climate Change, Clean Energy, and Sustainability actions can be achieved.

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From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 30, 2017 8:42 PM
To: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX
Subject: Re: Site C Decision

Michelle Mungall
Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

"as this project continues, we will honour and respect the commitment demonstrated by those who oppose Site C and share in their determination to move British Columbia to a better future."

This is worthy of Trudeau.

In fact, it might have been dictated by him.

Probably it was.

I will no longer support the BC NDP government.

Now that the BC NDP has decided to abandon "activism"
and to join Trudeau in working for Big Business
rather than fulfilling campaign promises and protecting the earth
there's just no further value in supporting the party.

Sorry, but that's just the reality.

The people of BC hardly seem necessary;
maybe the NDP can make lots of money like the Liberals did,
by taking bribes and graft from the Site C contractors,
from Kinder Morgan, from Marine Harvest, etc.

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From: Ken Boon <pvla@xplornet.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 30, 2017 6:51 PM
To: Ken Boon
Subject: Site C Related Media

The Quadra Island group, an island near Campbell River, is joining others across the province who are holding candle light vigils and planting yellow stakes in the ground in solidarity with the Profit River and West Moberly First Nations who are seeking an injunction to stop the project.

<https://www.ladysmithchronicle.com/news/quadra-islanders-join-the-protest-against-the-site-c-dam-project/>

Will Premier Horgan reconsider staying the course in light of the new to most of us revelation of a Chinese SOE taking on a major role in completing the Site C project?

<http://richardhughes.ca/tag/aenco/>

That put Mungall on the hotseat in December when she was part of the NDP's decision to continue with the controversial Site C hydroelectric dam, despite previously saying she was against the project.

A protest was held outside Mungall's local office following the Site C decision, led by some of the people who helped her win the May election.

<https://www.nelsonstar.com/news/2017s-top-stories-no-3-mungall-wins-nelson-creston-yet-again/>

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/>

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Subject: STUPID

Re; site c , s.22

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lobotomy done. s.22

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Subject: Site C - Vernon Morning Star

<https://www.vernonmorningstar.com/opinion/site-c-3/>

makes you wonder who is really behind all this and it Horgan is just a puppet with no say in anything.

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 30, 2017 5:03 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Do the Right Thing Premier Horgan - #WithThePeaceRiver

To Premier John Horgan,

Your decision to continue Site C dam construction is very disappointing and directly contradict the findings of a recent independent review by the BC Utilities Commissions which found that despite the money already spent on Site C, there are still affordable, less destructive alternatives.

It is sad to see Canadian politicians continuing to justify violation of Indigenous peoples' rights for short-term cost savings.

As a citizen I call on you, a representative of the government, to keep its promise to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, not just in some places, but everywhere in BC including the Peace River Valley. You have previously acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution, and that this issue has never been addressed or resolved. I also urge you to at least ensure that no further harm is done while the issue of Treaty rights obligations remains unresolved.

As Canadian settlers on these lands we must begin to live true reconciliation, which means honouring land title and rights of Indigenous Nations and creating respectful relationships in keeping with the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)* and *free, prior and informed consent*.

Indigenous peoples should not have to continually go to court to make governments uphold their rights - governments should do so a fundamental principle of responsible government.

The provincial government should live up to the principles of reconciliation and human rights protection that it promised when it was elected.

Please do your part. Do the right thing and stop the Site C Dam.

Also, ensure that no further harm is done to vital animal habitat, cultural sites and multi-generation family farms while the the outstanding issue of Treaty rights is resolved.

It would be fundamentally unjust for the courts to rule in favour of the First Nations after the harm had already been done.

My hope is that working together we can create more balanced, harmonious realities on these lands.

Sincerely,

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From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 11:55 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Andrew Weaver; s.22
Subject: Is this what we can expect from the NDP?

John Horgan, BC Premier:

John, are you on side with privatization? Is that why you decided to carry on with Site C? Is there no relief from corporate intrusion into our affairs? Is there no protection from being victimized by big business? We don't want this! These are our resources and we don't need some private power company capitalizing on it like in the U.S., damn it! BC Hydro was created to provide cheap electrical power to the citizens not to be gifted to private companies so they can steal what little is left out of our paychecks and hold us up for ransom!

An opinion piece in a Chilliwack paper has made it into the industry newsletter in the US. It sure looks as if the push to privatize is building. Just a great plan by the Liberals. Build dams, spend billions on various projects, hand the debt over to the taxpayers of BC and let private corporations pay cents on the dollar to take over "our" investments. What a deal.

Political interference dims BC Hydro

"Based on the gross mismanagement by governments of all stripes, privatization or splitting BC Hydro in to smaller companies not owned by the provincial government is a matter of urgent importance. The problems with BC Hydro are not simply a list of bad deeds done by the BC Liberals. The NDP's freezing of rates (in the 1990s and now) and sweetheart deal with Union bosses at Site C shows that they cannot be trusted either."

[http://www.energycentral.com/news/political-interference-dims-bc-](http://www.energycentral.com/news/political-interference-dims-bc-hydro?utm_medium=eNL&utm_campaign=DAILY_NEWS&utm_content=462660&utm_source=2017_12_26)

[hydro?utm_medium=eNL&utm_campaign=DAILY_NEWS&utm_content=462660&utm_source=2017_12_26](http://www.energycentral.com/news/political-interference-dims-bc-hydro?utm_medium=eNL&utm_campaign=DAILY_NEWS&utm_content=462660&utm_source=2017_12_26)

This is shameful and we're not standing for it!

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 10:07 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Mr Horgan .I have been a devout supporter of the NDP forS.22 .I am so disappointed with your decision to go ahead with the construction of site c to appease the construction unions on this redundant dam and to foist the expense onto Hydro users and beggar what used to be the jewel in BC 's crown ,Hydro ..This project should be stopped but because you chose to go ahead I withdraw my support from your party and the same can s.22 . I am heartbroken by this decision to cast you loose but I cannot support you now .s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Ken Boon <pvla@xplornet.com>
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 5:48 PM
To: Ken Boon
Subject: Site C Related Media

This year, a key issue on the table is the controversial Site C dam project.

Losier said a lively debate is expected and if the house votes against Site C then that legislation will be forwarded to the provincial government to reflect youth perspectives.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/b-c-youth-parliament-debates-hot-political-topics-of-2017-1.4466682>

Cultural survival depends on our ability to adapt to and respect the land. A culture that floods its prime agricultural reserves, such as Site C, with no forethought as to climate change adaptation, or respect for First Nations knowledge of that land, endangers its offsprings in exchange for the advantages of an economic elite's short-lived interests.

<https://tidechange.ca/2017/12/28/broken-government-site-c-state-arctic/>

Quesnel mayor Bob Simpson is worried the approval of Site C will have an immediate impact on forestry towns, as BC Hydro will have a reduced need for biomass from the lumber industry in order to meet energy needs in the province.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/site-c-wood-waste-energy-1.4466869>

"What is reconciliation?" asked Judith Sayers, president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, based in Port Alberni, B.C. Ms. Sayers, a critic of B.C. Hydro's Site C project, is receiving the award for championing sustainable development.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/order-of-canada-list-announced-a-guide-to-whos-being-honoured/article37454374/#index>

Three and a half years from now the shutting of Site C will be either forgiven or forgotten, but no one ever forgets a choke.

It also simply defies logic to waste any more money on such an enormous money loser when it can easily and profitably be dwarfed by wind, solar and geothermal.

<https://www.vernnonmorningstar.com/opinion/site-c-3/>

Premier Horgan's boneheaded decision to perpetuate the Site C boondoggle has stunned and dismayed many of us.

<http://www.southernnews.com/opinions-letters/letter-the-boneheaded-site-c-decision.html>

On the contrary, I think most people who vote for the Green Party expect the elected representatives to vote to protect the environment, not to sacrifice it in order to keep the government running smoothly.

<https://www.nelsonstar.com/letters/letter-andrew-weaver-is-not-an-environmentalist/>

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 10:08 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: A picture = 1000 words?

Dear Mr. Horgan,

I just couldn't pass this up - do you believe a picture is worth a thousand words?

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 8:46 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX
Cc: Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX; ronna-rae.leonard@leg.bc.ca; andrew.weaver@leg.bc.ca
Subject: URGENT THAT YOU READ THIS.... BY VICKY HUSBAND.....Comment: Reverse direction on Site C, or pay the price

PREMIER JOHN HORGAN
Hon. Michelle Mungall
Hon. Lana Popham
Ronna-Rae Leonard MLA
Andrew Weaver, Leader of the Green Party
December 29th 2017

What Vicky Husband has to say in her Opinion article in the Times Colonist mirrors everything we feel, and what so many of our friends are saying. IF we couldn't trust you to do the right thing in making this decision who do we trust now? You've left us without a party to support, one we've been with s.22

s.22 Maybe the word 'betrayed' is more in keeping with the visceral blow we felt when we heard your decision. And so incredibly sad to read in Ms. Husband's article, and the one by Dermod Travis who the 'real' winners were in your decision on Site C... it reads like a list of Liberal benefactors except for the part about the NDP 'insiders'! And sad too that Andrew Weaver couldn't stand by his convictions on Site C, or at least what he espoused in his earlier statements. Lack of integrity on both sides.

We can only hope now that the courts will be in favour of the injunctions and court cases that the BC Indigenous people affected are working on. Dams are passe...didn't you know that? Renewables are the future. Actually, we think you know that but ignored it...at your peril, as the article states.

Please read Vicky Husband's article if you haven't already. You still have time to tell British Columbians that your math, the first time around, was incredibly bad, that you stand corrected and Site C won't go ahead! If you took this step those who left the provincial party would undoubtedly honour your epiphany and become members again!

Sincerely

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<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/op-ed/comment-reverse-direction-on-site-c-or-pay-the-price-1.23128655>

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 7:49 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier Horgan,

It is still not too late to change your mind about site C. I voted NDP because I trusted you to do what many ndp candidates who were running for office promised - stop Site C.

Please, do the moral thing,

Yours,

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<https://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2017/12/22/Ghost-Of-Muskrat-Madness/>

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 4:30 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Please stop this project. I am sure you have heard the project is on hold due to the banks slipping. Now is your chance to get out of this political quagmire and get back to gaining the respect of your NDP voters!

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Sonia Furstenau; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; justin trudeau
Subject: Chinese ownership Site C

Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Horgan, Doug Routley, Sonia Furstenau, Andrew Weaver,

<http://richardhughes.ca/chinas-state-owned-enterprise-soe-could-control-much-of-the-site-c-dam-project/>

Is this news item (link above) accurate? Is China really buying so many Canadian assets, including a company involved in building the Site C dam? What other Canadian assets have they already acquired?

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s.22 fracking for natural gas in northern Canada. He told me that fracking was completely safe. An earlier example of Chinese involvement in one of our resource industries!

s.22 Chinese people are buying a lot of homes in the north end of Nanaimo. s.22
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s.22 10-12 homes being sold for \$1-3 million dollars in and around Nanaimo these days. How could our governments allow this, when it was obvious for so long that this could happen?

What kind of monitoring is our government doing to prevent foreign ownership of Canadian assets that interferes with the ability of our own citizens, our children, to succeed in a now unfair playing field? Most aspiring farmers, especially those interested in organic farming, can't even afford to buy farm land in BC.

If our politicians cannot protect us, what do we need them for?

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 11:50 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Chandra Herbert.MLA, Spencer LASS:EX; Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX
Subject: The Peace River

Dear Premier John Horgan and the BC NDP,

After taking some time to try to absorb the news that your government has approved continued construction on the Site C dam, I am writing you now to let you know how deeply upset I am about this decision.

I have been a supporter of the NDP all my life. s.22

s.22 We often discussed the rift that has emerged in Canada between the country's many vibrant grassroots social movements – from Occupy, to Idle No More, to the climate justice movement, to anti-poverty and migrant justice movements – and its Left political party. Activists of my generation do not tend to get involved in electoral politics because it is considered a waste of energy. Many feel that we simply do not have a political party in Canada that reflects our aspirations for economic and ecological justice.

I usually argue against this abandonment of electoral politics. I devote time and energy to supporting NDP candidates and participate extensively in the political process. However, your government's recent decision on Site C does make me wonder if I have been wasting my time. To say that you have alienated your base with this decision is a profound understatement.

I felt jubilant when your government managed to form a coalition with the Greens, in part because I trusted you to say no to devastating extractive projects like the Site C Dam. I thought reconciliation with Indigenous peoples might actually gain some traction under your leadership. To begin with, I was disgusted that the BCUC was exclusively tasked with assessing the economic case for or against the Site C Dam, as though the political process were reducible to a financial calculation. However, attending the hearings in Vancouver and listening to all of the articulate and informed submissions from the academic community and from the public, I felt confident that the political process would deliver protection for the Peace River. The economic case against continuing with the dam was too strong to leave any room for doubt. When the BCUC report came out, I thought we were done. I celebrated.

I've appended below the letter that I sent to you in October regarding this issue.

I believe that you are good people, and I am left with the impression that perhaps you simply do not have the power to protect the lands, waters and peoples of this province from processes of extraction and exploitation. I wish that you did.

Sincerely,

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October 15, 2017

Dear Premier Horgan, Minister Mungall, Minister Heyman, Minister Fraser, and Minister Popham, I am writing to you with a great sense of hope and urgency regarding the possible termination of on the Site C dam project. I am devastated that this project has been allowed to proceed this far. My main objections to the project are as follows:

First, Canada signed a treaty with the Cree and Dene people of the Peace River region. As a party to Treaty 8, Canada has an obligation to honour the hunting and fishing rights of Indigenous peoples on Treaty 8 territory. BC Hydro blatantly violated this treaty and then proceeded with construction on Site C while court cases related to treaty rights were still in process. The Site C project has been a rude and naked exercise of dispossession and colonial violence. This is something that needs to be roundly condemned and remedied immediately.

Secondly, the Site C Dam is unnecessary. Hydro's own reports indicate that BC can meet its future energy needs through conservation.^[1] Conservation initiatives such as the construction of net zero buildings and subsidies for energy-efficiency retrofits would reduce demand and would be a far better use of taxpayer money. Moreover, in its report on Site C, the Joint Review Panel recommended that the province investigate other energy production options, including geothermal power, before moving forward with Site C. The province has failed to follow this recommendation. Geothermal would provide cheaper electricity without the environmental devastation of Site C. Canada is the only country around the Pacific Ring of Fire that does not produce geothermal power on a commercial scale.

Thirdly, I believe the Site C Dam constituted a highly corrupt \$9 billion public subsidy to the oil and gas industry, as the hydro from the project would have provided power to hydraulic fracturing operations in the region. In addition to depleting surface and groundwater, causing earthquakes, and contaminating water sources with known neurotoxins such as toluene and xylene, hydraulic fracturing operations release significant methane emissions – a greenhouse gas 86 times more potent than CO₂.^[2] These projects produce natural gas that is more greenhouse gas intensive than coal or crude oil, and have no place in an era of rapid climate change.

Fourthly, the Peace River Valley is a rich and unique habitat. The dam would flood a critical migratory corridor for caribou and an important staging areas for migratory birds. The Peace Daisy and the Persistent-Sepal Yellowcress grow only in the Peace River Valley. The dam would eliminate them from the world entirely.^[3]

Finally, the Site C Dam threatens food security in BC by flooding approximately 30,000 acres of the best farmland in the province. The class one farmland in the Peace River Valley could feed one million people per year. This arable land is even more precious in the North, given the high price of imported food in that part of our province. In the context of the recent drought in California and the pressures of climate change on water supplies in key food producing regions like the Okanagan and the prairies, preserving BC's capacity to produce food locally must be a top priority. The loss of farmland from the dam would include not only the flooded area, but erosion in adjacent areas.

Construction on the Site C project must stop now. Workers who were depending on wages from its construction should be compensated, as should the Treaty 8 First Nations and local residents who were forced to incur legal fees trying to protect their territories and homes from this project. Damaged lands and waters should be fully remediated.

Moreover, I would like to see a thorough investigation into possible corruption surrounding the development of this dam project to date. The sheer expense of the project; its aggressive backing by the Liberal government; the short-circuiting of review processes, of environmental regulations, and of commitments to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples; the lack of documented justification for its

construction in a context of flat energy demand – all of these together raise serious suspicions about the actual motivations behind the project.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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^[1] See, for example, the 2007 Marbek report to BC Hydro on conservation potential in the province:

<https://www.wildernesscommittee.org/sites/all/files/publications/2007%20Marbek%20Report.pdf>

^[2] See Howarth, Robert W. "A Bridge to Nowhere: methane emissions and the greenhouse gas footprint of natural gas," *Energy Science and Engineering*, 2(2), 2014, 47-60.

^[3] For further information, see Cassells, Roslyn. "Wildlife Endangered by Site C Dam in Peace River Valley in BC," *The Media Co-op*, June 17, 2016. <http://www.mediacoop.ca/newsrelease/36060>

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:39 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Shame on you , you have led the people of BC down the garden path, is the pipeline next, wish I had never voted for you. At least with Clark we knew we had a shameful person who only took care of her own. Never again will I vote NDP

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 12:23 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Mr. Horgan,

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voted for you because of your commitment to implementing the UN declaration of rights of indigenous people. I donated to the NDP.

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I'm so saddened to see you've decided to become another heavy-hearted colonizer politician, willing, if remorseful, to steamroll over First Nations sovereignty, rights, grave yards and sacred medicines if it makes fiscal sense to you and your party. The fact that the fiscal benefits are so dubious just makes it even more insulting.

It's the opposite of what you claimed to represent when I voted for you.

As a BC resident, I am beholden to tell you that your good intentions are no better than the good intentions of priests who handcuffed 4 year olds and stole them from their mothers' arms to take to residential school. I'm sure they believed it was for the greater good too.

Whatever good you do, if you go ahead with the site c dam, your good work will be alongside this decision to perpetuate racism and cultural genocide of our first people. I had so hoped you were going to end it and that I could be proud of voting for you.

It's not too late to cancel it. It may not be a popular decision, but it's the decision that would put you on the right side of history instead of being a heavy-hearted colonist, which amounts to the same thing as being a colonist. I beg you to reconsider. The wasted money sunk into site c falls on the shoulders of the previous government. But the decision to be a colonizer, to perpetuate abuse of indigenous people, that's all on you. You'll have to live with that. Your descendants will have to live with that.

I beg you to reconsider.

Sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:34 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX; Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: All I want for Christmas is for you to listen to the experts re Site C!

Seasons' greetings! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and got a bit of a well-earned rest.

As promised, I'm not going to let go of your mistaken Site C Dam decision. I feel strongly that it is my civic duty to speak out against social and environmental injustices. I feel equally strongly that to proceed with Site C Dam is a grave mistake that must not be allowed to go through. Therefore, I will continue to loudly and frequently proclaim my objections to this fiasco. '

You have already read (or have you?) many of my reasons why construction of the ill-fated Site C Dam should absolutely not be allowed to proceed. Today I read this nifty little opinion piece in the Vancouver Sun written by one Robert McCullough, someone far more knowledgeable than I am. So knowledgeable, in fact, it appears that you invited him to advise you on this very tough decision. By his own accounts, he advised you in no uncertain terms to cancel Site C for the environmental and economic benefit of all British Columbians. Sheesh! If you aren't going to listen to an energy expert whom you obviously respect enough to seek his counsel, who will you listen to? The people of Treaty 8? The 120,000+ BC citizens screaming "NO!"? The BC Green Party who trusted you enough to put you in charge of our province? Environmentalist? Economists? Perhaps I'm biased, but it sure looks to me like most people who are not financially invested in Site C think it's a dangerous and disastrous project that should be canceled immediately.

If you're taking a bit of time out from your hectic schedule, I can highly recommend reading this opinion piece by Mr. McCullough. He states some very convincing facts that show exactly why Site C Dam should not be built.

<http://vancouversun.com/opinion/op-ed/opinion-taking-the-path-less-followed>

All the best for the new year,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 11:08 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Sote C

Re: Site C:

SHAME ON YOU for allowing it to proceed.
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 5:33 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Please reverse your decision on site c

Dear Sir

I am writing to implore you to reverse your decision on Site C. Simply put, you made a promise. It is one of the reasons we voted for you. And now you have broken that promise.

With respect

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 5:21 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: please re-consider decision to proceed with Site C

Dear Mr Premier

The world has moved much too quickly; preserving the northern wilderness and to some extent the traditional way of life in northern British Columbia is comparable to saving heritage buildings in our prized cities.

Much I know has been invested in the dam so far, and our culture instinctively tells us to go back is to admit defeat. B.C. is richer if we do go back on this project, and jettison it.

Sincerely

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From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 3:35 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Ralston.MLA, Bruce LASS:EX; James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX; Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX; Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX; Donaldson.MLA, Doug LASS:EX; Chow.MLA, George LASS:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX; Bains.MLA, Harry LASS:EX; Sims.MLA, Jinny LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Darcy.MLA, Judy LASS:EX; Chen.MLA, Katrina LASS:EX; Conroy.MLA, Katrine LASS:EX; Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX; Beare.MLA, Lisa LASS:EX; Mark.MLA, Melanie LASS:EX; Michelle Mungall; Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; Fleming.MLA, Rob LASS:EX; Fraser.MLA, Scott LASS:EX; Simpson.MLA, Shane L LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Sonia Furstenau; Adam Olsen; Alistair MacGregor; s.22
Subject: Reverse the Direction of Site C
Attachments: United Nations Says Canada's Largest Park Under Threat, Calls for Site C Review-- Andrew Nikiforuk, TheTyee.ca 13 Mar 2017.docx; Opinion_ Decision to approve Site C undermines reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and long-term action on climate change--David Schindler & Faisal Moola, Van Sun 20Dec2017.docx; Three years to safeguard our climate--Christiana Figueres et al. nature.com 28June2017.docx; Comment_ Reverse direction on Site C, or pay the price--VICKY HUSBAND Times Colonist 21Dec2017.docx; PAST TIME TO TAKE FIRST NATION CONSENT ON DEVELOPMENTS SERIOUSLY--Judith Sayers, First Nations in BC Knowledge Network, December 21, 2017.docx

Dear Premier Horgan,

Before your announcement, I wrote and asked for a complete explanation of your decision when you made it. Your explanation was quite inadequate. How can terminating a project that has cost 2.1 billion be worse than completing it at a total of 10.7 billion? And remediation was estimated at 1.8 billion, but this could be done for a lot less. Others say large debt can be paid back over long periods, 30 or 70 years. How will this influence your ability to undertake your social programs? How will your move to remove bridge tolls, over 3.0 billion+ lost from your intake, influence new social programs? In the end BC Hydro and the government decide when and how much to raise hydro rates, and tax rates. What about subsidies and tax breaks to big corporations, especially oil and gas? Some economic techniques to disadvantage fossil fuels in favor of clean energy are carbon pricing of all GHG emitters, and lowering subsidies and taking away tax breaks. These bring in money that could be partially returned to the taxpayers, and also used in government programs.

Unfortunately, you ignored all the good economic advice you got, and you followed Christy Clark's original decision, based primarily on BC Hydro recommendations, with no expert assessment by BCUC. You ignored the recent BCUC review and Deloitte's review of that, and opinions by Harry Swain, Marc Eliesen, Robert McCullough, and many others. You did not take much account of factors, economic, environmental and social impacts by the dam--loss of highly productive agricultural land and economic potential for increased agriculture and food supply; loss of land and livelihoods of landowners and farmers; loss of ecosystem services for the Peace River watershed, ecosystem and wildlife diversity, carbon capture and sequestering by vegetation, migrations of mammals and birds with international implications; impacts on the down stream water supply to the Wood Buffalo Park in Alberta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (Nikiforuk 2017); and critically, impacts on the Treaty 8 rights of the First Nations on the Peace River--hunting, fishing, trapping, grave and sacred sites. How are you going to establish good relations, nation-to-nation, if developers keep unilaterally taking away or degrading their land and water?

But the most important thing you forgot to consider, in my view, is what impact of this mega-dam will have on climate. The news regularly reports on climate change, and we know the changes in weather patterns--temperature, ice cap and glacier melting, ocean rise, increasing ocean acidity, increases in storm strengths (hurricanes, tyoons), extreme precipitation and drought, increasing incidence of wildfires, etc. etc. This means that in all our development actions that relate to changes in temperature, we must consider the impacts of each action on climate. Why did you not consider what climate impacts the damming of a large river and creation of a large reservoir would have on the climate? What would its carbon footprint be? Several decades of study show that hydroelectric is not clean energy—it releases both CO₂ and methane from soil disturbance and flooded decomposing vegetation. Further, there is a high amount of CO₂ produced in the manufacture of cement, steel and other components (Schindler 2017). In the present crisis of climate change, any development activity must take into account what the carbon footprint is (impact of CO₂ and all other gases causing heating of the atmosphere).

I understand that you will soon travel to the far east to visit China, India, Japan, and possibly other countries about trade. I am guessing that a major topic will be LNG. This will also be a path similar to Christy's. This is the wrong path for BC, and for the world. Fracked natural gas, predominantly composed of methane (CH₄) is not a bridge to a cleaner atmosphere, it is a full fledge fossil fuel and looses a lot of methane (CH₄) during its extraction and distribution. Experts peg fracked natural gas with a Global Warming Potential similar to that of coal, sometimes even larger. By going the natural gas route you simply slow down the adoption of truly clean alternative energies. Even if you manage to get CAPP and oil companies to reduce the losses of CH₄ (they will not do this until the US-EPA mandates it, and this is unlikely under Trump and Pruitt) you still will only achieve a reduction of 40 to 45% of the losses of CH₄. CH₄ is 108 times more powerful than CO₂ (time frame over 10 yrs; 86 times over 20 yrs; 34 times over 100 yrs) in Global Warming Potential! We are so far along in climate change impacts, with air temperature increase (since ca. 1900) now over 1.0 deg C, that we must work for much faster reductions of green house gas (GHG) emissions. The UN climate program and many of the world's top climate scientists and leaders urge levelling off and reduction of GHG emissions in the next 3 years (Figueres et al. 2017).

If you have ideas about LNG, I think you should abandon them. It seems to me that the big Asian countries will be buying LNG and natural gas cheaper from suppliers closer than Canada. Besides, China and India are moving rapidly along paths of alternative clean energies, and will be aiming to move away from fossil fuels, including natural gas. Besides, if you try to play the LNG export game, you will be hindered by the incredibly industry-favorable deal that Clark cut with Petronas, which is embedded in legislation for 25 or more years. So we would end up selling the LNG at bargain basement prices. This would be comparable to selling electricity from Site C at far less than its cost to generate.

We should be moving toward a sustainable economy based on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) enunciated by the UN. It is essential to rapidly switch off the fossil fuels with high GHG emissions, and move to affordable clean energy, SDG 7. This can be done using local grids and distributed energy, which can be linked to the large hydro grid of BC Hydro. First Nations have much interest in local clean energy systems. Several First Nations already have built community energy systems, and more of these could be promoted. BC already has plenty of electricity to last for decades. Any shortfalls can be supplemented by several sources we already own—Columbia River entitlement, Burrard Inlet natural gas plant, adding generation capacity to dams we already have in the BC system, and using existing run of river facilities. Wind and solar prices are becoming comparable to hydro, even cheaper and geothermal could readily be geared up, because of existing expertise on drilling and pipefitting from fracking companies. Low periods of production by solar and wind can be augmented by storage in our large hydro reservoirs. There are numerous jobs in clean renewable energy, as well as energy conservation programs such as new housing and energy retrofits.

I encourage you to get off the LNG idea and focus on clean energy. I hate the idea that my children and grand children, and BC citizens for generations, will be paying for un-needed hydro from the Site C decision for generations, especially since we don't need it, AND hydro is not the cleanest of energies. You should stop Site

C now, it was Christy Clark's project and you should not have to assume the blame for it. You should get with the New Age of Sustainable Development, first by whole-heartedly adopting clean energy alternatives, then working on progressive, people-orientated programs that would make Tommy Douglas, and David Lewis and Jack Layton etc proud.

There have been scores of letters and articles and assessments against Site C. I attach three excellent articles that you may care to re-read and reflect upon: 1) Comment_ Reverse direction on Site C, or pay the price-- VICKY HUSBAND Times Colonist 21Dec2017; 2) Opinion_ Decision to approve Site C undermines reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and long-term action on climate change--David Schindler & Faisal Moola, Van Sun 20Dec2017; 3) PAST TIME TO TAKE FIRST NATION CONSENT ON DEVELOPMENTS SERIOUSLY--Judith Sayers, First Nations in BC Knowledge Network, December 21, 2017.

Please reverse your decision on Site C, it will drag you and the NDP down. But worse, it will unnecessarily burden all of us, the rate and tax payers, and slow up conversion to clean energy and sustainable development. Adopt sustainable development and establish yourself as a champion of climate action and clean energy! Work on the other highly needed social and sustainability programs – indigenous rights, housing, health care, poverty and living wage, efficient mass transit, bikes-ridesharing-electric vehicles, education, etc etc. Lots of jobs will be produced by clean energies and technologies, energy conservation in new and retrofit building, sustainable forestry and agriculture, etc. I supported both NDP and Greens before your announcement, and would like to continue to do so, but if you go ahead with the highly unjust, un-needed and destructive Site C, I must withdraw my support of you and the NDP, and go full strength to the Greens.

Yours sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 1:03 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Jan Slakov
Subject: Cancel Site C Dam!!!!

Dear Mr. Horgan,

Really, really, it is not too late to cancel the Construction of the Site C Dam!

How can you, how can we, settlers, really reconcile with the Indigenous People we have so grievously harmed if we continue to neglect the environment. The natural environment (and NOT the natural resources!) is such an important part of the Indigenous world, it is such a vital part of our global world and you continue to totally neglect even the minimal stewardship that committed to. Your approval of the Site C Dam without free, prior and informed consent from the Indigenous Peoples is a blatant betrayals and needs to be reversed. Your honour and your credibility rests on it. The electors are becoming more and more sophisticated and, as to having the approval of Indigenous peoples, you can always find compliant acquiescence among any group. The Indian Act was implemented because of the same divide and conquer philosophy. We have been paying dearly for this error in lives and money and we do not seem to have learned very little if anything.

Please, do mend your ways drastically and immediately. Mr. Horgan, do not betray us on the environmental file. It will betraying all Indigenous Peoples as well.

With hope, yours sincerely,

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From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 10:32 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Forwarding this to you Premier Horgan. I agree with all of these sentiments.
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Premier Horgan and the NDP Caucus,

You and your government have failed the citizens of British Columbia.

Cancellation of Site C was handed to you by the BCUC and the McDougall report
Tell us what the backroom deals are! Is there money from the contractors moving in the backroom? Are unelected appointees dictating provincial policy? What is it?

What a stupid decision! Our public utility is broke and broken. Enron style accounting is the name of the game.

The people's total debt obligation is \$76 billion and counting. The \$50 billion IPPs are a vehicle to bilk money from the taxpayers.

The project is totally unnecessary with a minimum of eight failed purposes being provided by proponents in the last seven years.

Site C will be the economic and environmental disaster of this century and you will be its final author.

Have the engineers a SNC-Lavalin provided you with a written statement that the project is safe and stable?

I doubt it. Please provide the taxpayers with the evidence.

Has your mysterious accountant provided you with evidence contradicting the acknowledged experts?

It is not too late to cancel Site C and be honest with the taxpayers of this province.

Stop Site C or your party will become a footnote in the annals of British Columbia.

Is there any integrity remaining in politics?

In sincere dismay,

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 7:59 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C - A Good Decision

The Honorable John Horgan, Premier of BC

It is not often I throw Bouquets at an NDP Government, but in this case, a tough decision was made which I support and in which an article recently came to my attention that supports your decision.

Well done! Hopefully this kind of tough assessment that we are not ready for a Green Plan yet will also be followed by other decisions like ride-sharing and rapid transit infrastructure.

Yours Truly

s.22

Respond to this post by replying above this line

New post on **peckford42**



Germany 's Green Plan A Disaster —When Will Others Learn ?

by brianpeckford

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From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 25, 2017 3:50 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: s.22

Dear Mr. Horgan,

Merry Christmas.

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s.22 Your recent comments and choices have made me question if this party has anything to offer the progressive people of BC anymore.

I know you are a good person, I wish your policies would reflect that.

With respect,
Happy holidays,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 25, 2017 9:19 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

I am so discouraged and appalled by your decision to go ahead with the site C dam and the reasons you give, which to me are such transparent nonsense. I was so glad to see the NDP forming the government. Phew, I thought, we now have a government that supports the needs and priorities of the majority of BC people rather than the interests of powerfully lobbies, and that is environmentally responsible.

HA - that clearly isn't happening. I am so very very discouraged. Please rethink your decision about Site C.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2017 3:36 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Re Site C

Shame on you

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2017 2:22 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear John Horgan:

Although many people have spoken out about the viable alternatives to Site C and about the rights of indigenous peoples on the land taken from them (or ruined) to continue with the dam, you have still gone ahead, in spite of saying BEFORE YOU WERE ELECTED that you did support native Indian rights, and decided to continue with this travesty. Once again, big business or the economy wins over people's rights and the environment. Although you promised differently (seemingly to get elected), you are no different than the now hated Liberals. I cannot believe, either, that our supposedly "Green" party went along with the decision and did not try to veto it. This is such short term thinking (about our planet) pretending to be looking out for long term needs.

The thing that I do not understand is why the other dams on the Peace that were built to boost our power for the future, also after wreaking irreparable damage on the environment, are now already insufficient for our supposed needs. British Columbia does not have a large population. What is going on here? Do three (or four) wrongs make a right? s.22 that you would not listen to what those who look towards the future, a cleaner future, that you would cave to big business. No politician ever seems to listen to their constituents and the same old same old continues.

s.22 but unfortunately I have found that impossible.

Yours truly,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 6:14 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam Decision

Dear Premier Horgan--

It was with stupefaction and dismay that I heard of your call on what has always been, at best, an unnecessary undertaking. British Columbians, as you must know, don't need the Site C dam for their domestic power needs nor does green industry require it.

The quite frankly lame reasons that you gave for continuing the project appear to be that 1. too much has been invested in it already and 2. the province would face a deficit if the project were axed. The first takes the "too big to fail" attitude of standing by a bad decision. The economic arithmetic argues against the second (no need for me to repeat your colleague Andrew Weaver here).

It isn't the first time that a BC NDP government has confounded expectations with Liberal (large L) behavior--which is why I vote Green. I'm only sorry that Weaver didn't have the moxy to use his party's balance of power position. I'll be having a word with him about that.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 9:47 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Have a wonderful Christmas, Mr Premier

Unlike those of who are still extremely unhappy, upset, and suffering with your Site C decision.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: Saturday, December 23, 2017 9:45 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Important

Dear Premier Mr. John Horgan,

please keep your promise to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, not only in some places but everywhere in BC includin the Peace River Valley.

With kind regards

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 11:20 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: Merry Christmas

Dear Premier and Minister

As the year draws to a close, I want you both to know that I am so disgusted that I want to weep every day (and I am a
s.22 by your decision to continue with Site C contrary to all the advice and evidence
indicating a shut-down.

This will be your legacy unless you can return to your founding principles.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:14 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Fraser.MLA, Scott LASS:EX
Subject: Re: RE: Site C - now to be built by Chinese company

Site C to be built by Chinese? Great to have BC jobs eh? wtf ?

Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 at 6:35 PM
From: s.22
To: s.22
Subject: RE: Site C - now to be built by Chinese company

Bitcoin sounds about right here! ☺

From: s.22
Sent: December 22, 2017 4:10 PM
To: s.22
Subject: Re: Site C - now to be built by Chinese company

ROLFING HEHEHE HAAAAHA LOL LOL....

OF COURSE! OH BOY IS THIS GUNNA BE FUN OR WHAT?

I know about the Chinese going wherever around the world building infrastructure. Roads; thousands of kms of roads. Bridges, Dams...etc

they are the worlds experts today and production and costs.

I think the government should pay them in BITCOIN.

:)

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Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 at 3:01 PM
From: s.22
To: s.22
Subject: Site C - now to be built by Chinese company

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What could we be setting ourselves up for?

"A partnership led by Toronto-based **Aecon Group Inc.** has been chosen as the preferred proponent to **build a generating station** and spillways for the dam, which will flood 5,500 hectares of the Peace River valley near Fort St. John, B.C."

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/site-c-auditor-general-1.4460812>

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/business/aecon-shareholders-approve-takeover-offer-from-chinese-firm-1.3727931>

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On 12/22/2017 8:52 AM, s.22 wrote:

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Thanks for forwarding this message from s.22. I just read this in an article on wind power in the Nanaimo Bulletin.

"The Canadian Wind Energy Association estimates that if Alberta were to use wind energy to fulfill a commitment to add 5,000 megawatts of renewable energy by 2030, it would generate \$8.3 billion in investment along with employment."

<https://www.nanaimobulletin.com/news/theres-more-than-oil-and-gas-wind-blowing-workers-in-new-direction/>

So for much, much less than what we are going to spend on Site C, Alberta is going to get 7 times the power.

Merry Christmas!

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 3:40 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Disappointment

Hello,

I have been a supporter of the NDP for many years, for a variety of reasons. I've donated fairly large sums of money^{s.22} I've voted NDP on a provincial and federal level, and I will never do any of these things again.

The approval of the Site C dam is absolutely disheartening, and I'm incredibly disappointed in the NDP for letting this decision be made like this. I was shocked and surprised to learn about this, and have been contemplating writing this email since.

Sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 3:32 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Sustainable BC?!?

Dear Mr. Horgan,

I hope our BC government is still open to hear an opinion from an average more likely, no name, low income citizen. I am certainly not complaining about not making the big money. s.22 is just ok to make a living and that is good enough for me. Health is more important than all the money together. You may not agree what I am telling you here but maybe it will give you something to think about.

Today what I see is the same type of BC government as before - scared of moving on and work on a sustainable future. Different political party but the same behaviour. Not open for a change. With your decision to build Site C you are just continuing supporting a monopole and our big BC power business. Beside the effect of destroying environment and moving people etc. etc.

If you invest 10+B\$ the chance to move on to a more sustainable future later is missed.

With Site C you are destroying a complete ecosystem for the sake of running thousands of kilometer of power lines and supporting an already not functioning power grid. I know it is a kind of renewable way to generate power with the dam - after the construction and maybe more likely 15B\$ investment it will certainly not be finalized with 10+B\$ - but generated at what price money, people and environment.

You know it is with oil sand - if it destroys the environment and is to expensive or energy consuming than leave it in the ground! The same I see this with Site C. There are more sustainable and better ways to generate energy AND especially to generate more jobs FOR DECADES TO COME.

Our current grid is in my opinion anyway far away from working or do I see it wrong are all the provincial wide power outages fixed?

How can BC Hydro manage more power lines if the current grid is not stable. Every little storm result in a power outage. BCHydro is saving money on maintaining the grid. Trees are coming down left and right. s.22

s.22 I gave up to complain to anyone. CEO's and the managers like top their prime salary always with another bonus instead of fixing the grid.

But more storms will come and that will mean more outages!

For a high tech company - or at least that's what BCHydro seem to claim

- they should have learned already a long time ago that a faulty system need to be improved. So if above ground power lines don't work change it to below ground. If that is to expensive than find other ways. Or change the way the grid is working all together to hundreds or thousands of small power generator - solar, wind, small water system - so the grid get away from this vulnerable way how the power is distributed today.

From a few dams supplying thousands of homes. That is asking for a disaster!

Or even better let the BC residence decide how they generate their power and start finally with an efficient renewable energy program. Not a program where you dump money and claim that you have done something for our environment and a sustainable future.

The technology is there why not use it get started. Batteries can store solar and wind or let our Universities and the thousands of motivated students find ways how to store energy. It is all a matter of doing NOT TALKING.

My hope that the NDP government would start motivating our residence to work on a sustainable future is fading pretty fast. It seems my vote for you will not change anything.

What is left - as I did already with s.22 by not relying on anyone or any sales - I just get more self sufficient with energy too. To wait on any government for a change that may take longer as my lifetime. The politicians usually are coming up with any change after a catastrophe.

Don't wait and there is more to do!

The overall farming has to change to a more sustainable way, the issue with the poverty/homeless has to be finally solved - getting away from focusing on money to more focusing on producing food from the individual, innovations in transportation has to come now I could go on

But wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Regards,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 12:01 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: re Site C dam decision

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing to express my concern about the decision to allow continued construction of the Site C dam despite the devastating impact it will have on Indigenous peoples in the Peace River Valley. I urge you to reconsider this decision and keep your government's promise to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 11:38 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site c accounting rationale

Could you please explain your rationale for proceeding with site c after reading this article?

<http://timescolonist.com/opinion/op-ed/comment-reverse-direction-on-site-c-or-pay-the-price-1.23128655>

Thanks,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 11:14 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: decisions

To Premier Horgan and his cabinet.

I need to express my disappointment in your recent decision regarding site c. It is obvious that you don't care much about those of us in the northeast. You have now guaranteed that you will never need to worry about losing a "seat" because there will never be a successful NDP candidate in this region. During the election campaign in May you were "too busy" to come to the northeast to support your excellent candidate who did very well in the all-candidates forums. More likely that you didn't want to be asked about whether or not you support site c. While it wasn't originally "your" project and you have said that you would have done things differently, it is NOW your project.

You have chosen to speak to the one band that lives the furthest away while not taking the time to come, meet and talk to the bands that are the most impacted. I consider that to be very poor leadership. (A little like the past premier brushing off the constituent in the super market because she was not a supporter of the liberal party).

It is becoming more obvious that your decision was made long before the referral to the BCUC which is now viewed to be an attempt at "fulfilling " your election promise. An empty, hollow, deceitful promise. Minister Mungall responded s.22 and although she was the only one to do so, used a form response and inserted a number in place of a name. How shallow is that.

I understand you are not coming to the north now because you want to give "us" an opportunity to "heal" and then you will likely come up and try to pick up the pieces. I will forewarn you that many of the people in this province are not prepared to quit the fight to overturn this decision. I wish them luck.

Sadly yours

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 8:36 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear John:

I voted for s.22 the NDP in the last election because of your promises. I'm extremely disappointed with your site C decision and completely fail to understand how throwing good money after bad will help British Columbians in any way whatsoever. Spending the extra billions to complete the dam is simply wasting money that could otherwise provide the social services we need. While the world is developing alternate energy sources (<http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/batteries-canada-technology-1.4455998>) we're investing in a dam that isn't needed! Crazy.

Your removal of tolls on bridges was another bone-headed move for political purposes. Talk about losing revenue that's needed for services and transit... We need full road pricing in Metro Vancouver.

Next thing we know, you'll be making a "tough" decision to go ahead with Kinder Morgan.

If this keeps up, I'll be working for the Greens in the next election.
At least Andrew Weaver has seen the light with respect to energy and the financial well being of BC.

Yours truly,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:24 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: recent decisions

Dear Premier Horgan:

There are many of your actions and policies, including greater support for electoral reform, education, welfare, higher minimum wages, and greater social equality that we continue to support, but we are mightily disillusioned and disappointed by some of your apparent reversals since taking office.

As long-time NDP supporters, we had great hopes that you would follow through on your promises to clean up fund-raising, only to hear that you continued to hold exclusive fund-raising events and activities.

We also had faith that your promise to review the Site C dam decision was sincere and that your decision would follow from the review. Your decision not to stop the Site C dam construction shows a complete lack of regard for First Nations, agricultural lands, and the people who supported you to become premier.

Sincerely

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:52 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C: The BC government must do the right thing

December 21st. 2017
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Premier John Horgan
PO Box 9041
STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier,

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I reach out to

you today about Peace River's First Nation, for whom the right to ancestral land is currently threatened.

I am outraged over the claim that a small, short-term cost saving could ever justify the violation of Indigenous rights.

I'd like to point out the independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission confirmed that there are less destructive alternatives that, despite the money already spent, may still be cheaper in the long run.

I call on you to keep its promise to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, not just in some places, but everywhere in BC including the Peace River Valley.

I'd like to remind you that you have previously acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution and that this issue have never been addressed or resolved.

I urge you to at least ensure that no further harm is done while the issue of Treaty rights obligations remains unresolved.

Thank you for your comprehension and collaboration,

Best regards,

s.22

c.c. to Dr. Andrew Weaver, Green Party leader



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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:17 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C dam

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From: S.22
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Site C dam

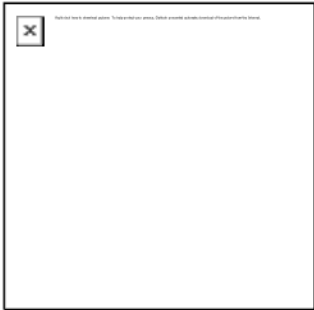
Based upon your position on site c, you've lost my vote next time around.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:05 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: There will never be a cheaper time to stop Site C!!!

<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/op-ed/comment-reverse-direction-on-site-c-or-pay-the-price-1.23128655>



Comment: Reverse direction on Site C, or pay the price

www.timescolonist.com

The political spin that Premier John Horgan and his cabinet colleagues put on their decision to finish the job that Christy Clark started at Site C is almost as astonishing as the astronomical cost. . .

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 12:40 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier Horgan

I'm sure you must have seen the editorial by Alex Neve in the Province yesterday. I am writing to say that I agree with everything he has said. YOU MUST REVERSE YOUR DECISION ON SITE C.

It is wrong in so many ways and is also costing the NDP a lot of support. s.22 5 people already who have cancelled their memberships. These are long time supporters and people who have worked on Claire Trevena's campaigns.

How can a progressive government go against both Amesty International and the United Nations. Shame.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:38 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: the dam

Dear Mr. Premier,

You have made the wrong decision about the Cite C dam, and I hope you have the courage to change your mind. People did not vote in the NDP to have them continue ugly Liberal practices. We do not need or want the project, and I am sure you could find a fiscally responsible way for taxpayers such as myself to allow you to call it off.

Please rethink your decision.

Sincerely

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:17 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C thank you

Premier Horgan,

Although I am not generally a NDP supporter I must commend you on your Site C decision. If nothing else I think you showed both your party, the opposition and any other interested parties that you have the cojones to do the job and make the tough big decisions that are needed to run this province. Now just don't forget about the little guys that do not live south of the 50th.

Thanks

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 8:05 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Betrayal of intelligence and vision: Please change course on Site C dam decision

Dear Premier Horgan,

Your decision to proceed with the Site C dam is catastrophic for the people of the Peace River Valley, the entire west coast of North America, and so, by extension, for the continent as a whole. But it is equally deadly to the hope and belief in good governance that lit up the hearts of those who voted for you – hopes that governments with sufficient smarts, imagination and will could productively marry economic and social development with environmental protection. Along with David Suzuki and so many others, I say you blew this hope away for no justifiable reason.

Unless you change course – and it is not too late to do it! – you will feed into political cynicism even more profoundly than the eco-terrorist who currently occupies the White House. People expect him to ravage the land. People expected you to protect it. I have no doubt the NDP provincially and federally will lose many, many supporters as a result of this decision, unless and until the NDP becomes the true party of green economic development. I am one such person.

Please, change your mind, and give us all some hope for 2018!

Sincerely,

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This message has been copied and sent to Jagmeet Singh and the federal party.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:51 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Mr. Horgan,

I am very disappointed in your decision to continue with the Site C Project. How embarrassing for you to publicly state that you will continue to ignore the rights of Indigenous people in the Peace River Valley!

I am disgusted that you somehow were convinced by those who will gain financially to make this terrible, permanent decision despite the independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission that showed that there are less destructive alternatives that, despite the money already spent, may still be cheaper in the long run.

I can't believe that you have done this, even though the Site C decision was one part of why you and the Greens were elected!

You know something stinks when Amnesty International calls you out publicly. Do the right thing and respect Indigenous and environmental rights in your province!

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 8:08 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: As a resident of B.C.

Hello Mr. Horgan

I write to you today as one of the many very disappointed people who once was very enthusiastic about your election into government. I voted for you, I spoke positively to others about your goals, I believed in you and I was excited to see what changes you would bring to B.C. You spoke of change being inclusive to First Nations, taking into account reconciliation and the TRC report, among so many other things you said you would refuse to allow any pipelines to cross this beautiful province, or site C to flood our amazing lands. So I guess my question is this...what was your buying price? What were you offered in order to sell out and give up the hopes and dreams of the people of BC?

You knew before election what we wanted, you spoke it clearly and made all kinds of promises. Then nearly the minute you were elected you turned on us all. You are a sell out. You are allowing B.C. hydro to build a dam we don't even need, and charge us increased and exorbitant prices in order to pay for it. Even though multiple reports have shown it is a waste of money, it will ruin fishing and hunting grounds as well as agricultural lands for farmers. You are allowing a pipeline to go through our province that will destroy fishing grounds, drive away salmon and wildlife from our shores, and we will be lucky if there isn't a break because there is no way they can monitor the entire thing and they've admitted that in the report. Worst of all you are allowing it all to happen on land that isn't even yours to begin with but it's land that you've been ENTRUSTED to oversee. There is NO treaty in BC. These lands were never sold or given to the government of Canada. These are First Nations lands and by right they are the ancestral owners of this province. You have no right to proceed with Anything without their approval and yet you continue to do so, not only without their approval but actually Against their wishes.

There is a special place for people like you John Horgan. I want you to know it.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 6:21 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 6:16 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Site C

Dear Sir: Words fail! There were so many good reasons to cancel Site C, the reasons given to continue do not compute. Disappointed, to say the least. Anybody who cheered that decision voted liberal, those who decried the decision were the votes you just lost.

There's no telling who or what were the real reasons, but shame on you!

Sincerely

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 3:29 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: the BIG mistake

Dear Premier Horgan,

Amnesty International is even weighing in on the BIG MISTAKE. So, besides offending Treaty 8, there are huge environmental effects, one of which has to do with the possibility of geological instability. Already the costs have risen because of this unforeseen problem, and it may not even be solved yet.

How about diverting the billions needed to “finish” this MISTAKE and investing in geothermal energy? Apparently Oregon and Idaho are doing well with it.

I fear that short-term gain will be leading to long-term pain if you proceed as you’ve announced. Please find some previously-hidden reason to change your mind - imagine how happy your electorate would be!

Sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 2:07 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: re Site C Dam

Dear Mr. Horgan,

As an NDPer I am deeply discouraged by your decision to allow the continuation of the construction of Site C Dam. Why does the NDP not see that no matter what, the Indigenous Peoples are going to experience their rights being trampled on once again.

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This can never be right. And it is also well noted that there are affordable other ways, which are far less destructive, therefore good alternatives.

As a strong environmentalist, one who does not fly and does not own a car it is a Big Slap in the Face.

I surely understand the pressure on your Government. You do not want to lose votes on this issue, which might be very possible.

But if the NDP does not stand up for the Rights of First Nations then it is wrong and then you too are not worthy to govern the province of BC.

Please, it is not too late and you can overturn your decision and do the right thing.

Respectfully,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 12:40 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Cc: Sheila.Malcolmson@parl.gc.ca; Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX
Subject: Re: Site C

Dear Mr. Horgan and Mr. Weaver;

Ok, you and the NDP decided to proceed with Site C despite a large number of pundits s.22 not in favour of this ludicrous unwarranted project! However, that said it is a done deal and there is no point belabouring the point that what should have happened. I think we all know the answer to that!

The point is we all need to move forward! In order for the NDP and by association, the Green Party, not make themselves look more foolish, there are options you can consider to not make this project a complete boondoggle! At the end of the day and as outlined in my previous letter below to you both, we all know the cost will balloon north of \$12B and probably end up somewhere in the \$14B range. In order to make some of these cost over-runs palatable, the NDP, along with the Greens, can push for incorporating "green" design technology on the dam such as wind turbines and solar banks on top of the earth fill dam to feed into the grid, consider a run-of-river hydro electric generation project at the foot of the main and auxiliary spillways then feed that output to a large scale agricultural bio-dome rebuild the coffer dam into a native interpretive centre and use the old tunnels for wildlife runs similar to what was done in the Rockies. Obviously there are added engineering, design and construction costs to incorporate these initiatives and more than likely will have an increased adverse affect on project schedule. However, it may "soften" the inevitable ballooning costs of the dam thereby perhaps making the NDP's decision to proceed with the Dam construction less political but forward thinking and proactive around alternative energies!

Regards,
s.22

- > On Nov 24, 2017, at 11:08 AM, s.22 wrote:
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> Dear Mr. Horgan and Mr. Weaver;
>
> First off, congratulations to both parties for breaking the boundaries to form a coalition government.
> Going forward and keeping with target objectives, I believe this is in the best interest of both parties and most certainly beneficial to all British Columbians.
> I am sure you both get 1000's of letters/emails such as this so I will add one more to your list!
>
> I would like to express my concerns to both of you prior to your decision on Site C before year's end.
> It is understood that no matter your decision, it will be unfortunate you will not be able to please everyone.
> However, it is imperative to consider the facts about Site C and the long term ramifications of the viability, or more important, the true need of this mega project.
> It is an undeniable fact that in the long term, Site C is not required for many years to come.

> BC as a whole have abundant amount of surplus power in both, short and long term projections. These projections are based on BC Hydro's (BCH) own capital projects consisting of replacement and capacity increase of existing aging infrastructure (Transmission Lines, Substations) along with greenfield generating stations spread throughout the Province.

> Looking at BCH's own power demand over the next 10, 20 & 30 years, our current power infrastructure is more than capable to handle any demand including projected increase in residential, commercial and industrial sectors across the Province.

> The fact that Site C was originally the cornerstone of political agendas is truly a shame. However, that ship has sailed and we need to move forward.

> s.22 , planning and execution was a clear demonstration of how not to execute capital projects. It painted a clear picture that at the corporate level between BCH and the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) was fractured and no collaboration between parties was evident when it came to capital spending and execution of projects.

> This continues to be evident based on today's press release with respect to BCH pointing fingers at BCUC's report of BCUC missing the target by \$800M with respect to Site C's benefits.

> It seems obvious BCH is looking for avenues to keep Site C on track whether this is due to political motivation or public perception remains unclear.

> However, what is certain is the fact that if Site C will continue to be built, British Columbians will be on the hook for \$14B+ since I for one do not believe this will be built for anything less.

> BCH has a track record for missing the mark when it comes to capital spending s.22 . This is a large infrastructure project consisting of fast amount of civil work which is usually the root cause for exceeding budgets.

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> I urge both of you to become front runners in pushing for BC becoming a leader in alternative energy. Here is a perfect segue to look at alternative energies such as wind, geothermal, run-of-river, tidal and IPP's.

> I've listened to pundits over the years outlining how expensive some of these alternatives are but no one clearly demonstrated the true cost/benefit of each. We have some of the best natural resource and landscapes to develop these alternatives compared to other Countries and it would be a shame not to pursue this. Would this be done overnight? Absolutely not! Are there large capital expenses? Absolutely! However, one has to balance this out over time and look at the long term benefits not just for BC but for Canada as a whole.

> With both of you collaborating on this going forward, there is absolutely no question why BC cannot be a potential global leader in demonstrating to other Countries what can be done.

> Touching on the short and long term economic benefits along with attracting best-in-class recruits is obvious. However, that is best left for another day.

>

> Best Regards,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 11:49 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Andrew Weaver; Nicholas Simons
Subject: Site C option

Dear Hon. John Horgan, Hon. George Heyman, Hon. Michelle Mungall, Hon. David Eby, Andrew Weaver, and Nicholas Simons,

We are writing because we want you to reverse your decision on Site C for the benefit of our province, our country and the future generations to come.

We have just contributed \$100 to the legal fight by the Indigenous peoples of the land to stop this project. s.22
s.22 but we feel strongly that we must support their challenge to Site C.

We are watching as many of our community members, staunch NDP supporters are ripping up their memberships and vowing to never again vote NDP. This is frightening for us, though we understand their decision.

Like you we weighed the options on Site C and we cannot believe that you made the decision you did. Just this week Alberta's wind power is indicating that the Site C power will be more expensive than the wind generated power. And by the time the dam is built, at the outrageous costs, political, historical, financial and environmental it will be completely obsolete. Why are you not moving strongly forward with the many alternative options? The rest of the world is.

Far, far better to spend that money on alternatives!!! We need to lead! not entrench in old, destructive technology.

We believe that ultimately this dam will not be built and it would be so much better if you stopped it now, you still have time to be forgiven, and lead us into a truly bright and hopeful future!

Line up the experts and really listen to them! Find the way! You are missing something here.

Sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 11:24 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Follow-up letter to the Premier & an accountability summit in January

From: s.22
Sent: December 19, 2017 11:23 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John ; Weaver, Andrew
Subject: Fwd: Follow-up letter to the Premier & an accountability summit in January

Dear John;
I truly think that it will end up costing us more if we continue with Site C.

Not to mention — once again — that we need to protect all the farmland we can here in BC. With the mountainous terrain, there sure is't an excess of it!

And note I haven't even touched on the indigenous rights issue! Remember the Royal Proclamation of King George 111: land not sold or ceded by said Indians, remains their land.

How can we, in the final analysis steal and flood someone else land?

I won't support the NDP ever again if you go on with this stupid project!

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From: s.22
Date: Sun, Dec 17, 2017 at 9:44 PM
Subject: Follow-up letter to the Premier & an accountability summit in January

All are welcome to share these two letters to the Premier:

1) December 15, 2017

Dear Premier Horgan:

I write to you as Chair of the Peace Valley Solidarity Initiative ("PVSI") to request your participation in an accountability summit following on your December 11th announcement in support of continuing construction of the Site C dam and the flooding of the Peace River Valley, including West Moberly First Nations territory, Prophet River First Nation territory and the homes of many others.

We do not accept the justification offered by you for continuing the construction of Site C.

As a consequence and in consideration of the public outrage over your decision, we are planning an open accountability summit to be held over the last weekend of January 2018 in Victoria.

Our intention is to review the rationale for your continuation decision and the consultation/decision-making processes mandated by your government in reaching your decision. We will decide on action plans and new directions.

We request your attendance at this summit and that of Cabinet members who played key roles in this decision-making.

Many members of the public participated in good faith in the process you established with the BC Utilities Commission to review the Site C project but your decision does not reflect their findings or conclusions.

Our interest in your participation in this summit would be to learn more from you about the basis of your decision and your thoughts about improving decision-making processes designed for public input to achieve open, fair and transparent decisions.

To be clear, during the time provided for your presentation, we will ensure a respective dialogue in terms of audience participation.

Thank you for consideration of this request. I will be in touch soon with further details as our planning progresses and to confirm arrangements.

Under separate cover, we have requested the public release of all the information and advice your Government received that led to your December 11th announcement for continuation of this project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Gray
Chair, Peace Valley Solidarity Initiative
Victoria, BC

2) December 15, 2017

Dear Premier Horgan,

I write to you as Chair of the Peace Valley Solidarity Initiative ("PVSI"). On December 11, 2017, your Government announced it will be supporting the completion of the Site C dam and the flooding of the Peace River Valley, including the West Moberly First Nations territory, Prophet River First Nation territory and the homes of many others.

On November 1, 2017, the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("BCUC") submitted its Final Report to your Government's inquiry into Site C. This report concluded BC Hydro's forecast for

future energy needs to be “excessively optimistic.” It found that “increasingly viable alternative energy sources such as wind, geothermal and industrial curtailment could provide similar benefits to ratepayers as the Site C project.” And it held the costs of termination and remediation to be approximately \$1.8 billion in addition to the costs of providing alternative sources of energy.

But while your Government has held the BCUC up to be an independent, impartial regulator and source of information for determining the future of Site C, your decision does not reflect their findings or conclusions. In contrast, despite a stated commitment to transparency, your Government's decision is based on information and advice to which no member of the public has access.

Indeed, in a blog post released on December 11, the Attorney General, David Eby, stated that after receiving BCUC's Final Report, your Government received “unambiguous advice” from financial experts that suggested concerns about BCUC's conclusions. Mr Eby goes on to state that your Government was told that the accounting models used by BCUC for determining the costs of alternatives to Site C were “dramatically different,” and that abandoning Site C would actually cause hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers to incur an immediate \$3-4 billion public charge. Along these lines, members of your Government have, since Monday, expressed concerns about the sacrifices that would have needed to have been made in order to cover this public charge.

With respect, without access to the information and advice you received, and in the face of significant amounts of contrary information and data received by your Government during its inquiry into Site C, we do not accept the justification offered for continuing with construction of Site C.

As such, we request that your Government release to the public by January 5th, 2018 all information and advice it received that led to your December 11th announcement, including but not limited to:

- the financial advice and analyses you received in response to BCUC's Final Report;
- the accounting models used by your advisors to question BCUC's findings;
- your analyses of the consequences of these accounting models on taxpayers and ratepayers;
- the methods by which you incorporated the value of the Peace River Valley, First Nations territory, and homes that will be flooded into your decision and the above analyses; and
- any other analysis, opinions, advice or data considered in reaching the final decision to continue construction of the Site C dam.

The construction of Site C represents regressive decision-making at a time when climate change, food security, and reconciliation should be top of mind for all British Columbians and our government. As such, we see the release of this information as integral to the accountability you owe to our province and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Gray
Chair, Peace Valley Solidarity Initiative
Victoria, BC

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 11:15 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Please reverse the approval of the Site C dam

I am writing this email to ask that the government reconsider and reverse the Site C dam approval. I am so upset that the dam will violate Treaty 8 rights, and that it has been approved. The NDP government had promised that you would not approve this project, and I am angry that you have gone back on your word.

Please look again at the BC Utilities evaluation that suggests an alternate approach.

This short-term solution disrespects Indigenous rights. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:23 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bowinn.Ma@leg.bc.ca; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: another letter against site C

UBCIC shared Harsha Walia's post.

12 December at 07:18 ·



Harsha Walia

11 December at 23:07 ·

MY 100 WHY THE BC NDP IS WRONG CONVERSATIONS TODAY..

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:17 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am one of the many, many BC voters who were appalled by your decision to continue the Site C project.

Throwing good money after bad money is not in anyones interest. Continuing Site C rings very hollow when compared with your government's explanation of how readily a onetime accommodation of \$3.5 billion was absorbed into the provincial accounts when Port Mann Bridge tolls were eliminated. There was no warning that this debt might crowd out the government's ability to borrow for important social infrastructure or lead to a credit-rating downgrade. Just the opposite.

Any reading of the commission's work confirms that, based on economics and finance, Site C should be terminated.

I urge you to reconsider this decision, which will be not only unnecessarily raise BC hydro rates, but perhaps more importantly for your political future, will be disastrous for the NDP in the eyes of the electorate, seeing as you and some of your senior ministers have campaigned on stopping site C.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:48 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C: Good decision for a Hard Choice

Sir:

Though I would vote against Site C before it started, I think you made the hard but correct decision at this point to continue with the dam. Too much money already spent.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:29 PM
To: civilsociety; Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX; pm; Jody Wilson-Raybould; Minister, EMPR
EMPR:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: site C, in violatoin of Canadas international Carbon agreements.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/05/170517090509.htm>

In similar recent studies, the group of researchers also found that ongoing dam construction impedes the transport of nutrients such as phosphorus, nitrogen and silicon through river networks. The changes in nutrient flow have global impacts on the quality of water delivered to wetlands, lakes, floodplains and coastal marine areas downstream.

“We’re essentially increasing the number of artificial lakes every time we build a dam,” said Taylor Maavara, lead author and a PhD student at Waterloo. “This changes the flow of water and the materials it carries, including nutrients and carbon.”

<https://uwaterloo.ca/news/news/dams-are-major-driver-global-environmental-change>

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:06 PM
To: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: site C , please consider Oxford study on, dams never work out.

Re Site C loss, a 4 Billion loss is nothing.

<https://www.internationalrivers.org/blogs/227/large-dams-are-uneconomic-scientific-study-finds>

The B.C Government states it need to proceed with Site C mess, to save 4 Billion already invested.

Most mega dam projects never come in on buget, so expect the worst,

The Minister of Energy talks about not wanting to cause financial hard ship for B.C residents, by wanting to save \$4 billion already spent.

The 4 Billion already spent if lost is, peanuts compared to the costs of this Site C mess in the future.

And as the oxford study states, that is not considering any of the other factors, loss of species, loss of habitate, , changes to climate, loss of native lands.....

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:41 PM
Cc: Furstenau.MLA, Sonia LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Olsen.MLA, Adam LASS:EX
Subject: Site C go ahead a big mistake

To Premier of BC, Ministers of Agriculture, Environment and Indigenous Relations,

As a ardent supporter of no Site C, s.22

s.22 I am appalled at your decision to go ahead with Site C. The BCUC detailed that the price per kW/hr will increase to \$52-54 if Site C goes ahead. How is this decision to go ahead saving BC ratepayers as our rates will increase 50-60%? How is saddling future BC taxpayers for 70 years a savings? The site where the dam is being built is nothing but sand. With 100's of well heads of natural gas and fracking in the area, how is this area safe for earthquakes and settling? Are there contingencies for further soil erosion or cracks in the soil to say no more or will this turn into the financial fiasco of Muskrat Falls in Newfoundland?

You have paid much lip service to the Indigenous Peoples of BC. How is this supporting their food security if the fish contain high levels of mercury and the ungulates no longer have their birthing islands as they will be flooded. Migratory paths will change or the herds will fail to thrive with this construction. How can the Minister of Environment, with the credentials he has, support this? The Agriculture Minister has paddled the Peace River. s.22

s.22 We admired her commitment and
s.22 If we had known what she now supports, we would never
have s.22 Town Hall meetings. The Indigenous Relations
Minister has lost face. How has this decision supported Indigenous peoples' rights to livelihoods and cultural rights? How is this decision any better than Canadian Mining companies deforesting South American, uprooting Indigenous villages and contaminating their drinking water? How many times must you hear from Grand Chief Phillips denouncing government policies. Do have any idea how much energy it takes to get
s.22 in
your political abilities? How does this decision line up with the UN Declaration of Indigenous Rights? How can you justify this to the UN?

For a number of years, the NDP has had to crawl out from the BC Ferries Fast Cat Fiasco. This decision to proceed with Site C is a far worse action. The soil is unable to contain water and bear the weight of this water capacity. You have lost a tremendous amount of credibility that took years to rebuild. I don't think you understand how much faith people put into your party to do the right thing, to stand up to big money and fight for the little guy. How is removing a large portion of food security, Treaty lands and throwing generations into debt for 70 years acknowledging those who believed in you? THE BCUC said that Site C was not worth it. The dam is only expected to function 50-60 years before the turbines permanently silt up with the fine soil particles. BC will have to pay a full decade longer for this dam than its life expectancy. How is this common sense?

s.22

because of what you took from us with this deceitful decision. You took away our hope that wasteful consumerism and needless pollution would stop if we voted you in.

The Millenials looked to you to be prudent with their future food security, agricultural land, citizen rights and environment. You have destroyed any faith they have in your political party as caretakers of the future. In this Site C decision, you have lost their respect of you and voting. You have fulfilled their skeptical negative view of BC politics. In one decision you have lost decades of trust. You have disappointed so many of us at a time we looked for some positive enlightened leadership. You lured us into euphoric sense of well-being winning the election and tossing out the Liberals. The most dangerous foe is one who has no hope. Congratulations, you have drained much hope out of BC voters, who looked to you for inspiration, to a point of desperation. You will not see co-operation, goodwill or trust from this point forward. You disappoint so many, re-instate disillusion and encourage the highest level of disdain in completing Site C. You have failed so many of us at a time we actually looked to you to make a positive difference in our lives.

I attended a BCUC event as they toured the province. So much rich information from scientists, economists and specialists were provided to why Site C should NOT go ahead. BC Hydro has a dismal record of accounting and financial matters. Why is BC Hydro being bailed out again and rewarded for poor management? I am physically sick at the thought of this poorly executed misplaced project is going to be allowed to go ahead when so much data was given to the BCUC to why this should not be allowed to proceed. Did any of you watch any of the video footage of any of these meetings? I cannot believe that I actually felt this four years was going to be progressive and positive.

Wringing your hands and crying while making a bad decision is still a bad decision. If you are that upset why did you choose that choice? Make BC Hydro pay for the mismanagement. Taking over the utilities to regain fiscal control is a better decision than Site C. I don't have a depth of the English language to express how disappointed I am in your short sighted reasoning and tremendously angry that you failed to understand the losses flooding the valley decades of a money loosing project. s.22

s.22 Your decision to go ahead evoked the same emotion in me^{s.22}. Please reverse your decision. Money comes and goes. This land is rare and special with historical and cultural importance. With so much fracking up there, the land has already given so much. The river has provided BC with decades of service, let her be. In New Zealand, a river has been granted status of a legal citizen. Your decision to put the Peace Valley to death should evoke criminal charges of murder or at least assault and battery. Please, please stop this project. It is irreversible, not necessary and too expensive to finish.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:26 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site c

I am writing this because I find it unbelievable that this could possibly be anything but aborted .We are so very fortunate to have the resources that we do have it seems reasonable that they be treasured and built on or used in a respectable sustainable way because when they are not and are miss used and destroyed they are gone. With all the studies done it's truly disturbing to see that they are ignored and manipulated for the money. But with that again disturbing to see they would go ahead spending more money on something so destructive in so many ways and for what does no one read the studies that have been done . The decisions being made are not for anything that supports our super natural country only to destroy it sadly we have what every other country in the world wants and we have government that is inviting them in to take what they are willing to buy truly disturbing Sent from my iPhone

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:13 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX
Subject: the geothermal option and Alberta

Dear Premier Horgan and Minister of Finance James

Alberta has seen the light and is developing geothermal energy resources, a source of electricity that is scalable and directly relevant to workers who have been drilling for natural gas and oil. What a pity that you didn't follow this route instead of succumbing to pressure to continue with Site C, a mega-project that is an all-or-nothing proposition with so many problems. This report from the Pembina Institute describes what Alberta is doing:

<http://www.pembina.org/pub/heat-seeking>

Sincerely

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:04 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX
Cc: s.22
Subject: Fwd: [Say "NO" to Site "C" Dam!] Mothers and fathers, grammas and grampas It is... PLEASE WATCH THIS

Dear NDP Cabinet that decided to continue with Site C.

Please watch this video - Merry Christmas to those displaced in the Peace River Valley

thank you, s.22

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Subject:[Say "NO" to Site "C" Dam!] Mothers and fathers, grammas and grampas It is...
Date:Thu, 14 Dec 2017 20:23:11 -0800
From:s.22
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To:Say "NO" to Site "C" Dam!



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December 14 at 8:23pm

Mothers and fathers, grammas and grampas It is hard to get up and speak like this.



SITE C: "What the fuck?"

SITE C: "What the fuck?"

A mother questioning: "How do I go on?"



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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:55 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: NO SITE C DAM FOR BC

Cut your losses and listen to the people.

No Site C dam!

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:49 PM
To: 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
Subject: Re: Site C

December 14th, 2017

Auditor General Carol Bellringer, FCPA, FCA
Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia
623 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C.
V8W 1G1

Dear Auditor General Carol Bellringer,

Re: Present and Future Financial Impact on BC Ratepayers and Taxpayers of Completion vs. Cancellation of Site C

We are writing you on behalf of the Peace Valley Landowner Association and the Peace Valley Environment Association to request that you initiate an urgent examination pursuant to Section 13 or other applicable provision of the *Auditor General Act* to answer the following questions:

1. Is the attached December 11th, 2017 memorandum prepared by McCullough Research correct? (*Attached, below.*)
2. Is it true that if the BC government abandoned the Site C project, British Columbia would have no alternative but to incur an immediate \$3-4 billion public charge on either BC Hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers? Please refer to the attached statement of Attorney General David Eby. (*Attached, below.*)
3. What is the likely minimum cash impact on present and future BC Hydro ratepayers and BC taxpayers of completing Site C vs. cancelling Site C?
4. What mitigation measures are available through policy, legislation or regulation to minimize the cashflow impact of cancellation of Site C on BC Hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers?
5. What viable options does the British Columbia government have to ameliorate the accounting (as opposed to cashflow) treatment of Site C cancellation costs?
6. Is the best practice to exclude or include sunk costs when deciding whether or not to complete a project such as Site C?
7. Should accounting treatment be the decisive factor when considering whether or not to complete a project such as Site C?
8. Other questions you deem relevant to determining whether or not the BC government is acting in an effective, economic and efficient manner with respect to Site C.

This requested examination is in the public interest because the now \$10.7 billion Site C project is the largest capital infrastructure project in the history of BC and there is a fundamental difference of opinion on the potential financial impacts of moving forward with Site C vs. cancelling Site C.

These questions fit well within the overall terms of reference for your Site C dam review which we understand was placed on temporary hold pending the outcome of the British Columbia Utilities Commission Site C Inquiry. The purpose of your review is summarized in the following way, "...explain to the legislature and the people of British Columbia the information and analysis provided to government, the progress and costs to date, and the potential impacts moving forward". In order to fully understand the potential financial impacts moving forward it is necessary to be able to compare those financial impacts to that of cancelling the project.

As an independent officer of the legislature, *all* British Columbians rely on your examinations and reports to be assured the British Columbia government is achieving its objectives effectively, economically and efficiently. At its core, the BC government is asserting that the only effective, economic, and efficient way to meet demand for electricity in the 2030's is to spend a further \$8.6 billion (assuming no further cost overruns) to complete Site C. And that effective government decision making requires that the accounting treatment of project costs is and should be the decisive factor.

Respectfully, we request that this matter be treated on an urgent basis. While this project is only 20 per cent complete, we understand that costs are incurred to the tune of \$60 million per month. Given the scope of the questions, the previous work completed by your office, and the inquiry recently completed by the British Columbia Utilities Commission, we are hopeful the interim results of your examination and responses to some, if not all, of the above questions will be publicly available in January 2018.

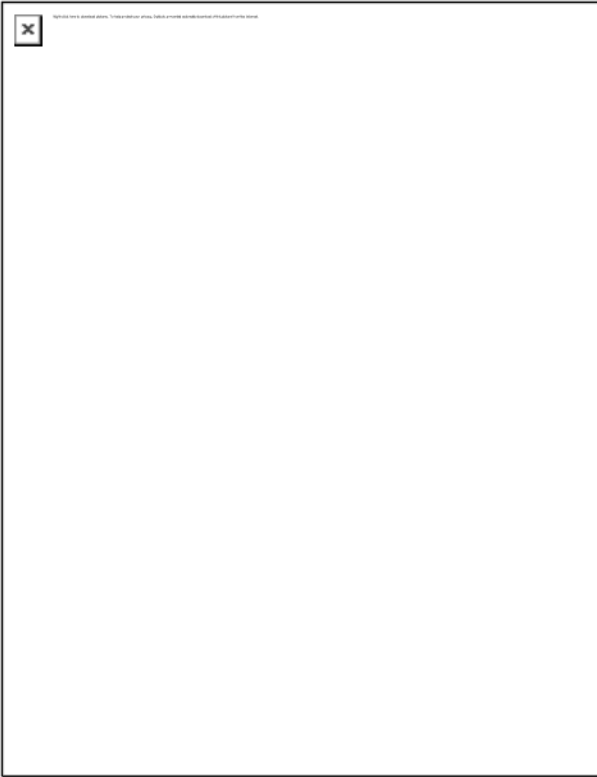
Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to your early response. Please contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,
ROBERT H. BOTTERELL

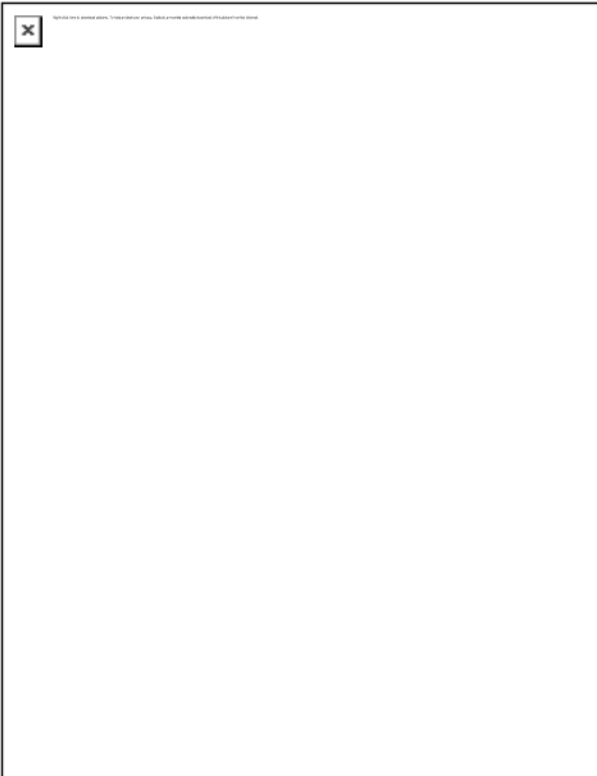
Cc: Morris Sydor, MBA, CPA, CA, Assistant Auditor General
Peace Valley Landowner Association and Peace Valley Environment Association
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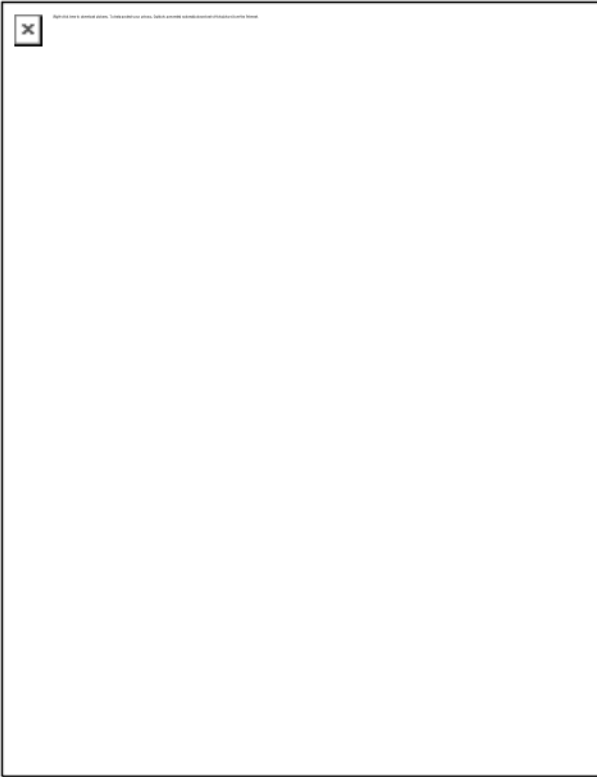
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On Sun, Dec 10, 2017 at 9:29 PM, :s.22

> 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,

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From:
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:16 PM
To: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: Site C Decision

There is nothing you and the government can do to make it better for the First Nations people and all these family's that have their homes, farms and lively hood destroyed for something that is not needed.

Shame on this government of not scrapping this project, we might loose \$ 4 billion but save at least \$ 10 billion before this project is finished. There is no consideration for wildlife etc. that either will be killed or displayed as this area is of great value to birds and animals, let alone of great significance to First Nations people.

Everybody seem to be concerned about construction workers loosing their jobs, but where is the concern for all these people that live there?

Shame on you as history will prove you wrong on this development. The ignorant Christy Clark might have started this project, but this government of John Horgan chose not to cancel this when they had the chance.

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From: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Sent: December 14, 2017 11:44 AM
Subject: Site C Decision
Ref.: 103182

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Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 7:05 PM
To: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site "C" and Indigenous Rights

Dear Minister

In your letter to me you said that abandoning the project would prevent your gov'n't from offering services that British Columbians depended on you to provide and that your gov'n't would work hard towards reconciliation.

Here are the facts:

'A reconciliation fail': B.C. First Nations promise court action over NDP's approval of Site C, CBC, Dec. 12, 2017
'There are thousands of people that are bitterly disappointed,' says leader of Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs.

So now you are going to spend more taxpayer dollars fighting indigenous peoples in court for an injustice you decided to perpetrate on them. Doesn't this mean it further prevents your gov'n't from offering services that we depended on you to provide?

Very, very bad decision.

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 7:04 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX; Fraser.MLA, Scott LASS:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Outraged at Site C decision

Dear Premier Horgan and Ministers:

I am absolutely outraged at the decision by the NDP to continue construction of the Site C dam.

s.22 it is painfully clear to me that the uniquely fertile Peace River Valley is an important part of BC's future food security.

As someone who believes in meaningful reconciliation with First Nations peoples, it is disgraceful to me that Treaty 8 is being disregarded, and that the rights and territories of the affected First Nations are being disrespected.

I understand that you believe jobs are a very high priority, but how is it possible to prioritize the small amount of economic growth from Site C over indigenous rights, environmental protection, wildlife habitat, food security, and so many harmful economic impacts. Seeing the game of politics regarding this project is very upsetting, given the irreversible loss that will result.

I have always voted NDP but this Site C decision leaves me believing that my values are no longer represented by the NDP. I will be seriously reconsidering my vote next election.

I would like to know what reconciliation with indigenous people means to you, what our endorsement of the UN Declaration on Human Rights and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms mean to you, and how you envision food security in northern BC without the agriculture and indigenous food system in the Peace River valley.

Your legacy will be the flooding of an unimaginable gift that BC once had, and the continued degradation of our province.

With sincere disappointment and awaiting your reply,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 6:59 PM
To: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Addendum re Site "C"

Dear Premier and Minister

I think Andrew Nikiforuk has expressed my views very well:

The astoundingly stupid approval of Site C, an over-budget mega-project with no demonstrable need and plenty of cheaper alternatives, marks a black day for B.C.'s NDP government.

The party that promised to deliver fiscal prudence and accountability instead bowed to special interests and insider views.

New Democrats swore to observe First Nation rights but now have trod on them.

They talked about leadership with courage but embraced cowardice.

The Premier, looking as uncomfortable as a character from *Breaking Bad*, offered the coarsest of excuses for this decision.

I question whether you are capable of living up to your election promises.

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From:

Sent:

Thursday, December 14, 2017 6:57 PM

To:

OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, AEST AEST:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX; Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX; Minister, CITZ CITZ:EX; s.22 Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; s.22 Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; Minister of State for Trade; Minister, LBR LBR:EX; Minister, MH MH:EX; s.22 Minister, MAH MAH:EX; s.22 Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX; s.22 Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; s.22 Minister, TAC TAC:EX; s.22 Minister, MAH MAH:EX; s.22 Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX

Cc:

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Subject:

Site C

Dear Premier Horgan and Cabinet members,

I have been an BCNDP member for most of my 80 years^{s.22}
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s.22 , I have now cancelled my membership and financial contributions.

The reason is Site-C.

During the last election, BCNDP promised to stop Site-C to avoid major damage to the environment, agriculture, and undertakings to First Nations, provided only that the BC Utilities Commission determined Site-C power could be replaced with alternative energy sources at no higher cost. With the usual caveats, the BCUC report confirmed that to be the case.

To everyone's surprise, however, your government held yet more consultations, and decided to complete Site-C for a *new* reason, namely, that the increased Government debt from cancellation would crowd out resources needed for promised social expenditures.

This is nonsense. To take the most egregious example, your government is keeping its promise to eliminate tolls on the Fraser bridges. This will have about the same “crowding out” effect as cancelling Site C. Worse, eliminating the bridge tolls will yield *zero* benefits to the economy, First Nations or employment, and will incur *certain, significant and long-term environmental costs* (more sprawl, less resources and incentive for public transport).

Paraphrasing Einstein, I would be insane to waste my remaining years working within the party and expect better future decisions. My past efforts are indeed “sunk.” Your unprincipled Site-C decision, has, however, freed what time and resources remain to explore ways that may just help leave the world a better place.

With great sadness and regret,

Yours sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 6:50 PM
To: Ferguson, Susan M EMPR:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Site C Decision

Hi Minister & Premier,

RE: Site C & Related Suggestions

Now that you have decided to complete the Site C dam, could your Government please ensure the following:

- a) Keep residential BC Hydro rates frozen and find a way to reduce them.
- b) Moving forward, have any additional or replacement electricity capacity made in the form of waste-to-energy stations to both reduce waste and generate cheap electricity.
- c) See if Site C can become a freshwater drinking supply for the region, especially considering near drought conditions in Summer.
- d) Eliminate costly BC Hydro agreements with private power producers.
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- f) Freeze all Agricultural Land Reserves (ALR) and restrict sales of current properties to BC residents only - no foreign buyers or speculators. For any out-of-ALR applications not finalized ban their finalization.
- g) Ban fracking outright in BC to protect our underground freshwater supplies.
- h) Ban bottling and exporting of our freshwater or bulk sales for almost nothing to anyone, including the likes of Nestle in Hope, BC.

If you would like to write to me, here are my details:

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On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 11:41 AM, Ferguson, Susan M EMPR:EX <Susan.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Ref.: 103182

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> Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 6:31 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

I can not believe that you have approved Site C after acknowledging that Site C breaks Treaty 8. Trudeau promised reconciliation and I see Site C in conflict with that promise. Site C was a bad idea to start with and to continue it is an even bigger mistake. Let us cut our losses now and keep faith.

Sent from Outlook Email App for Android

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 5:49 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Further Comments on the Site C Decision

Dear Premier Horgan:

In one of your media statements you stated that if the government cancelled the Site C Dam, that BC's credit rating would be downgraded and that would mean we would have less money for housing, childcare, schools. That got me wondering. If the financial big wigs would downgrade BC's credit rating for the 4 billion dollar Site C cancellation debt, why would they not downgrade our credit rating for the debt you put on the books when you cancelled the bridge tolls? The BC taxpayers are the ones who will be paying for this project. It is already seriously over budget and it is more than likely the final cost will be much higher than 10 billion dollars. I would rather pay a debt of 4 billion dollars and save class one farmland. I would rather pay 4 billion dollars and honour the treaty of the Prophet River and West Moberly First Nations. I would rather pay a debt of 4 billion dollars and save the Boreal forest and other diverse plant species. I would rather pay 4 billion dollars and save a key wildlife corridor. I would rather pay 4 billion dollars and not have to worry about dam failure and/or further cost overruns due to serious problems with ground instability. I do not want to be saddled with the tremendous debt resulting from this completed project. It will far exceed the 12% hydro increase that you told us we would be faced with if this project was cancelled. And, I do not think the power from this project will be for household use. It will more than likely be sold to Alberta to further develop the tar sands, or it will feed into the liquified fracked gas industry. So, we will end up subsidizing the dirty fossil fuel industry in the name of 'clean energy'. And our greenhouse gases will rise along with our hydro rates.

I think the financial players who have threatened you with a downgraded credit rating are heavily invested in the fossil fuel industry. They want the Site C dam built because they want that power to liquify fracked gas. These financial players who thrive on the fossil fuel industry have put the screws to you. They told you build the dam or we downgrade your credit rating. They did not get all bent out of shape when you cancelled the bridge tolls and put more debt on the province's books. It makes me realize that no matter what government is in power, it is NOT our elected officials that are running the show. I feel despair for the future of this planet. I have lost hope that our elected officials are capable of doing the right thing. It is a sad, sad day for BC. It is a sad, sad day for the Earth, our Mother, who sustains us all.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 5:09 PM
To: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; jinny sims
Subject: Re: Site C Decision

Honorable Michelle Mungall, et al.

First of all, thank you for a reply; out of all the emails I sent (which were many) you are so far the only one to answer. I appreciate the response, even if I disagree wholeheartedly with its contents.

I'd like to address a few things in your response however.

You say: "**The project should never have been started, but we cannot change the previous government's mistakes.**" -- Maybe you were unaware, but the whole reason the NDP was voted in, was to change the previous government's mistakes. Saying you "cannot" is misleading, and untruthful. You can, you (not necessarily "you" specifically but the Legislation as a whole) made a deliberate decision not to.

You say: **To do anything but move forward would require British Columbians to take on \$4 billion in debt...** Now, I am not a professional mathematician, however even I understand that 4 billion, is less than 10+ Billion. You (again not "you" personally) have erred in assuming that the BC public will not understand that the 10+ billion, is ultimately taxpayers dollars being spent. Even if we aren't personally paying for it at this moment, we are the ones who will ultimately carry the cost of this Dam, that we didn't want. 4 is less than 10, we learned basic numbers in primary grades.

You say: **...that would have to result in massive cuts to the services people count on us to deliver.** This is one I'd love to hear some further explanation on. As we've established, 4 billion, is a significantly smaller number than 10+ billion, which is what the Dam will ultimately cost. Are you saying that spending 10+ Billion dollars on a Dam nobody wants, somehow gives you more money to spend on some extremely needed schools and hospitals throughout the province? There are areas of care which have faced significant cuts in the past and now will continue to do so, because someone somewhere along the line decided that difference of 6 or so billion, was somehow "more needed" for this Dam, than for the education, health and well-being of the citizens of the province.

You say: **Our Government remains fully committed to meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples - to working in partnership with all First Nations, and to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.** I'm not convinced you even realize what it is you are saying, because your (again, not you personally) actions are in direct opposition to your words. Try to step outside the role of "simply going through the motions because its what you're obligated to do" and try actually understanding the meaning of reconciliation, before you spout off sentences that devalue your word as a representative of the Legislative assembly. I have to wonder did the new forecasted 10.7 billion figure factor in the legal costs that will result from the court case that First Nations people are saying they will bring? Or is that not accounted for and will be later "blamed" on them as though they should not have had the nerve to stand up for their inherent right and title to the land that is protected by Treaty 8.

You say: **we will honour and respect the commitment demonstrated by those who oppose Site C and share in their determination to move British Columbia to a better future.** Again, phrases that are meaningless without action, and certainly made moreso when the action in question is the exact opposite of what those who oppose Site C were trying to show.

Governments everywhere seem to misunderstand their purpose. The NDP was not elected because we like the "people" within the party better, it was elected because it campaigned on a platform of remembering the whole purpose of government, which was a government that works for you (as in, the people that it's supposed to be representing.) By going ahead and saying "Carry on!" with Site C construction, it has demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt that not only does it not work for us, but that when it comes to fiscal management, the party learned nothing from the Fast Ferry debacle, and has latched onto a "This is the fault of the legacy we were left with" lifering, as though the public is culpable enough to believe that. Yes, BCUC did an investigation and yes, a tidy little loophole was created by not asking them to "make a recommendation" however it doesn't take a lot of digging to find the transcripts of the public hearings and hear just how overwhelmingly many other options there were, and not just by "General public" but from industry experts within the energy sector. Individuals who used to work for BC Hydro; Individuals who oversaw other reviews that took place for the Federal government, Individuals who are (or were) prominent NDP supporters. And what happened? Gone are the days of being able to hold stealthy meetings without the world knowing about it. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that the BCUC report came out, then the "Union heavyweights" came out, and guess who won. The meetings behind closed doors. The voices of the few, far outweighed and swayed over the voices of the many who spoke up at the public hearings. The voices of those who stood to benefit the most from the Dam going ahead. This is not reflective of a government that "works for the people" -- This is however, reflective of a government that thinks in old terms, thinks it can hold these meetings, approve a project that is so vehemently opposed, and then divert accountability to its predecessors. That is the behavior of a government that is exactly like the one that was just voted out.

Disappointed, is not strong enough of a word for what the BC NDP has done to the general population.
Betrayed, is more fitting.

Sincerely,

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From: "EMPR Minister"
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 12:07:12 PM
Subject: Site C Decision

Ref.: 103182

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:44 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: s.22
Subject: Site C

Mr Premier,

I am writing today to express both my concern and resentment regarding your decision to proceed with the site C dam project. As a former supporter, contributor and NDp volunteer, I held great hope in your party's ability to turn this Godforsaken money sucking liberal, socred reform run province back into a place where people could prosper. Instead you have plunged my children so deep into crusthole clarks dream of a huge legacy monolith with her name on it that I am disgusted by the thought. Not to mention the 15-20 Billion dollar white elephant they will pay for during the rest of their lives.

You know that site C was a boondoggle to get Petronas and other gas paddlers to buy BC but it like BC Coal it was never meant to function or produce. As a resident of the North Peace we knew that was hardships plan and bill C-38 sealed it so crust hole clark could buy the election with Alberta oil dollars right? Site C had no public customers in need, only oil and gas assholes to ship our gas away and compete with Australia who was so far ahead of BC development it would never turn a dollar.

Harpshit was banking on more American oil and gas companies buying up Canadian companies to get out of oil and gas that is why the kinder Morgan expansion is nuts. But harpshit didn't care run volatile liquid through the west coast heartland when kinder-organ cannot do it in the states or control it's existing pipeline. You had had the chance but you chose to screw the pooch as we say.

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:30 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Please re-consider

Dear Premier Horgan and members of cabinet,

I am very disappointed that you made the decision to proceed with the Site C dam. With its limited scope and expedited timelines, the BCUC's review was a poor substitute for the full review to which Site C should have been subject before it was approved in the first place. The Joint Review Panel's environmental assessment of Site C found that justification for the dam would require both an unambiguous need for the power and analyses showing its financial costs to be sufficiently attractive as to make tolerable the bearing of substantial environmental, social, and other costs. These factors incontrovertibly tip the balance in favour of cancelling the project outright:

Jobs

- Greater job creation opportunities exist through demand-side management and by deploying an appropriate mix of smaller-scale renewable power sources, which could be commissioned to better match potential changes in B.C.'s power demands as they occur. Both approaches have the benefit of spreading jobs benefits more evenly on a geographic and temporal basis, avoiding the boom and bust cycle that inevitably comes with extremely large capital projects.

Treaty Rights

- Proceeding with Site C violates the treaty rights of Treaty 8 First Nations and would put your government at odds with its commitment to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. More than 330 documented archaeological sites would be inundated by flooding, and land currently used for hunting fishing and medicinal purposes would be lost forever. [i]

Food Security

- The farmland that would be flooded by the Site C reservoir will seriously harm B.C.'s future food security, which is increasingly imperilled by the mounting impacts of climate change. Approximately 70 per cent of B.C.'s fruits and vegetables are imported from California, a source that may literally dry up due to worsening and persistent droughts. Significant portions of Fraser Valley farmland is at risk of flooding due to sea level rise. In this context, your government is ensuring B.C.'s food security is compromised. The Site C dam will flood 3,816 hectares of prime farmland that could grow fruits and vegetables sufficient for a million British Columbians, such is the agricultural potential of the Peace River Valley.

Environmental Impacts

- Site C will cause numerous adverse environmental impacts, including mercury poisoning of fish; downstream impacts on the Peace-Athabasca Delta (the largest freshwater delta in the

world); and adverse effects on many species of fish, birds, bats, vertebrates, and plants, as well as sensitive ecosystems. The cumulative environmental impacts of the petroleum/natural gas and forestry industries in the region will be exacerbated by the Site C dam.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- Contrary to B.C. Hydro's claims, Site C will not deliver power with lower greenhouse gas emissions than other renewable sources of energy. To call Site C the "cleanest" power option, as many of its proponents have done, is simply false. In large part, this is because of methane emissions from the reservoir—which will be front-end loaded in the early years of Site C's lifecycle, making it even more problematic in the fight against climate change.

Alternatives Exist and More will exist in the Near-Future

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While the issues at the heart of the BCUC review are critical, the limitations placed upon the BCUC by virtue of the review's expedited timelines means that the evidence has likely not received the required level of scrutiny. Throughout the history of the Site C proposal, B.C. Hydro has failed to demonstrate the need for the power. The multiple adverse impacts of this proposed dam demand more serious consideration. Cabinet's decision on this matter has determined your government is not genuine about respecting treaty rights and supporting British Columbians with good green jobs that don't undermine the environment we all depend on.

Please cancel this outrageously expensive, environmentally destructive and socially disastrous project.

Sincerely,

s.22

[i] Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, *EIS Technical Appendix: Heritage Resource Assessment Report* Volume 4, Appendix C.

www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/document-eng.cfm?document=85328

[ii] Wendy Holm, "Site C land definitely has agricultural potential."

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[iii] UBC Program on Water Governance, *Comparative Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Site C Versus Alternatives*.

<https://sitecstatement.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/1-site-c-comparative-ghg-analysis-report-final2.pdf>

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:21 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear John Horgan,

We are residents of s.22 and wanted to express our views on Site C.

I heard your statement and that of Michelle Mungal. I do not support or agree with the decision you have made. I would much rather you fulfill your pledge to cancel the project, save farmland, First Nations concerns and work vigorously for sustainable solutions. I would be happy to pay more for Hydro if I knew we were moving ahead on ethical principles, wouldn't you?

Thanks for your efforts on a very difficult job.

Sincerely

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:13 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Mr. Premier: I would like to thank you for approving site C. I know this was a difficult decision to make politically but I believe it is the right one and the best one for our Province and the environment.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:06 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: NPD will not get my vote again because of the Site C decision.

I am more than disappointed.

You have collectively shown the country that you do not have respect for treaty land or Aboriginal rights at all.

I believed in you guys. I really thought you were going to, amidst all the mess of politics...I thought you were going to make things right.

You will not get my vote in the next election s.22 .

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 3:55 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C Decision

s.22

From:
Sent: December 14, 2017 12:13 PM
To: Ferguson, Susan M EMPR:EX ; Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Re: Site C Decision

Hello Susan and John,

Have you ever hear the expression "Throwing good money after bad"? SiteC

Get real. this was a very bad decision. I have been a life long supporter of the NDP s.22
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Your team has let us down, I will never vote for the BC NDP again.

Cheers

s.22

On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 11:41 AM, s.22

wrote:

Ref.: 103182

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We recognize the significant impacts on Treaty 8 First Nations and that's why Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and I met directly with Treaty 8 Leaders in their territory. Our Government and BC Hydro will work in partnership with Treaty 8 First Nations on measures to address their concerns, including a re-design of the Highway 29 re-alignment to reduce impact on potential burial sites and sacred places, and the establishment of a Treaty 8 project advisory committee. Further, we will ask BC Hydro to consider the development of a new procurement stream for smaller scale renewable electricity projects where First Nations are proponents or partners.

Our Government remains fully committed to meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples - to working in partnership with all First Nations, and to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Once again, I want to thank you for your valuable perspective on this issue. I am committed to continuing a dialogue with all British Columbians as the project proceeds.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mungall

Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 3:19 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: No to Site C Dam

Premier John Horgan,

You've already acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution. We won't let it happen. It is our duty as Canadian citizens to do so.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 3:08 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

I am emailing at the request of Amnesty International. to request your support in stopping the building of the Site C project.

This project will harm the environment forever. And it is a blow to reconciliation with indigenous peoples. Please cancel the Site C project as soon as possible. It is time for the BC government to support projects that are good for the environment and Canadian citizens. Get in touch with The Green Party for many excellent ideas on how to support successful environmentally friendly projects.

Thanks for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 3:05 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Premier Horgan: my name is s.22 I did vote NDP in the last provincial election: in fact, I have voted NDP in every provincial election since I moved to s.22
I am writing today to state my disappointment and strong disapproval of the disastrous destructive and unnecessary Site C dam project. We already have a 4 billion dollar debt so how can it be a viable and smart decision to pile on yet more debt upon us?
Please please: reconsider your approval of this dreadful planned dam. I may have to think seriously about whom to vote for come next provincial election time. And I know I shall not be the only one.
Sincerely, s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:50 PM
Cc: s.22
Subject: RE: Site C
Attachments: GeothermalPotentialAlberta.pdf

More things you should have known about regarding alternative energy potential in BC that casts great doubt on the wisdom of your decision to proceed with Site C - the potential for Geothermal Power.

BC has similar potential for Geothermal power as Alberta and needs similar policy and regulatory frameworks to make it come to fruition. BC's potential is also located in the NE oil patch, where infrastructure already exists to make such power a reality. So far only one project is in development in BC, near Valemont and it is struggling most likely through lack of government support. Other companies have tried to get Geothermal going in BC but lack of government support similar to that offered to small scale hydro, solar, etc., has been absent. Geothermal power is baseload and so the perfect complement to intermittent power from solar and wind.

All of this is proven technology, well understood, used elsewhere in the world to great effect. BC Hydro is not keen on geothermal but then they are hydro engineers, what do you expect.

You could easily have cancelled Site C and pursued a portfolio of other renewables in the Peace River area at much less cost and less environmental damage compared with Site C. Despite your recent announcement IT IS NOT TOO LATE.

But to reverse your decision on Site C would mean admitting you made a mistake, something I know politicians are completely unable to do. I would love for you to prove me wrong in this.

Sincerely

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:02 PM
To: premier@gov.bc.ca; adrian.dix.MLA@leg.bc.ca; anne.kang.MLA@leg.bc.ca; bob.deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca; bowinn.ma.MLA@leg.bc.ca; bruce.ralston.MLA@leg.bc.ca; carole.james.MLA@leg.bc.ca; claire.trevena.MLA@leg.bc.ca; david.eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca; doug.donaldson.MLA@leg.bc.ca; douglas.routley.MLA@leg.bc.ca; garry.begg.MLA@leg.bc.ca; george.chow.MLA@leg.bc.ca; george.heyman.MLA@leg.bc.ca; harry.bains.MLA@leg.bc.ca; jagrup.brar.MLA@leg.bc.ca; janet.routledge.MLA@leg.bc.ca; jennifer.rice.MLA@leg.bc.ca; jinny.sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca; judy.darcy.MLA@leg.bc.ca; katrina.chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca; katrine.conroy.MLA@leg.bc.ca; lana.popham.MLA@leg.bc.ca; leonard.krog.MLA@leg.bc.ca; lisa.beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca; mable.elmore.MLA@leg.bc.ca; melanie.mark.mla@leg.bc.ca; michelle.mungall.MLA@leg.bc.ca; mike.farnworth.MLA@leg.bc.ca; mitzi.dean.MLA@leg.bc.ca; nicholas.simons.MLA@leg.bc.ca; rachna.singh.MLA@leg.bc.ca; raj.chouhan.MLA@leg.bc.ca; ravi.kahlon.MLA@leg.bc.ca; rick.glumac.MLA@leg.bc.ca; rob.fleming.MLA@leg.bc.ca; ronna-rae.leonard.MLA@leg.bc.ca; s.chandraherbert.MLA@leg.bc.ca; scott.fraser.MLA@leg.bc.ca; selina.robinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca; shane.simpson.MLA@leg.bc.ca
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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:43 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Sihota, Raj S FIN:EX; craig@bcndp.ca
Subject: I won't donate to the BC NDP if Site C is approved

Dear Premier Horgan, Minister James and Minister Mungall,

I donate to the NDP, and support a lot of the work your government is doing.

But I'm concerned that your government is considering letting the Site C dam go forward.

I understand you are under a lot of pressure to approve the dam, but I urge you to have the courage to cancel it. I am one of the thousands of BC voters will support you if you stand up for ratepayers and Indigenous rights, and cancel the Site C project. This is the right thing to do, and in the best interest for British Columbians.

But if you let the dam go forward, I'll have no other choice but to stop donating to the BC NDP.

Please show us you can be bold and courageous, by saying 'no' to the Site C project.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:34 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Feedback on Site C dam

I voted for you hoping you would stop this insanity. This is obviously not your plan. Guess I made a mistake voting for your. I won't repeat it.

s.22

From: harry kopyto <newdemocrats4leap@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:07 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: About the Site C dam

Dear Premier Horgan,

Allow us to introduce ourselves. We are New Democrats for Leap, and passionate proponents of climate justice, with supporters across the country. When our party was elected to government in British Columbia, we were thrilled and assumed that this stunning victory would be a big boost to the reframing of the NDP as the party of ecological and climate justice.

We are well aware of the ecological and financial mess that the very right wing Liberal government left you with. But we anticipated that you would act courageously to renounce the wrong-headed and destructive path of Christy Clark. While campaigning in the provincial election, you made serious criticisms about the negative effects of building the Site C dam. You challenged Clark's support for this project noting huge financial overruns and worrisome geotechnical challenges (tension cracks where the dam is being built)—neither of which has gone away.

Please understand our outrage over the claim that accepting the logic of having to continue with this project because of money already spent by a corrupt Liberal government could ever justify the violation of Indigenous rights. The UN Committee on the Ending of Racial Discrimination expressed its concern over the violation of First Nations rights when it recommended the halting of the dam project until a full review of its effects on Indigenous land, in this case, treaty land, could be carried out. The panel urged Canada to “identify alternatives to irreversible destruction of Indigenous lands.” The area to be flooded, over 80 kilometres of forest and 7000 acres of highly productive agricultural land, also contains the burial grounds of First Nations people. Moreover, the dam site has been a fruitful source of ancient archaeological finds that remain to be explored. That valuable historical information will be lost forever with the flooding of the valley.

It is wrong to accept the advice of KPMG, which typically places private sector profits before considerations of social and ecological harm. It is our understanding that the independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission confirmed that there are less destructive alternatives for energy generation which, despite the money already spent, may still prove cheaper in the long run. We also appreciate the huge financial consequences of proceeding with a project, plagued with cost overruns, that appears to be heading to a bill that would exceed \$11 billion. This expense would deplete the

provincial treasury and divert investment from cheaper renewable energy sources such as geothermal, solar, and wind. The City of Richmond already exploits geothermal energy resulting in considerable generation. These alternatives would not only be more cost effective, they would generate thousands of new jobs, jobs which would not destroy waterways, fish, bird, and animal habitat, and the traditional lands of indigenous peoples. B.C. needs employment opportunities but it is faulty thinking to assume Site C is the only choice for jobs in the renewable sector. In fact, it's the worst choice. The 2500 jobs now offered by this project come with a formidable price-tag, not only to the public, but to the integrity of a government that pledged to protect the environment and indigenous rights.

We are aware that some First Nations have signed impact benefit agreements with B.C. Hydro over Site C, and we respect that they have negotiated items they deem important to their communities. But we have to ask—in this relationship of asymmetrical power—how much choice do communities lacking resources actually have? Why would an NDP government give credence to agreements that inherently ravage indigenous land when much better arrangements can be developed over smaller, gentler, truly green energy projects that leave traditional use of the land intact?

Flooding a massive area of land used for farming and First Nations cultural use, including burial plots, is surely a Faustian bargain, which will cause us to lose our soul as social justice folks in the end.

What you do has an impact on our party across provinces and at the federal level. When you act well on behalf of Indigenous people and environmental protection, you inspire all of the Party. When you fail, we all fail.

We are aware and we do not forget that you, as Premier, have previously acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution. This issue has never been addressed or resolved. This is no small matter. We are deeply disheartened that you have failed to part ways with the disgraceful traditions of previous and current governments which routinely violate the rights of Indigenous peoples. We urgently need our party to break with this horrible history, and pattern of betrayal.

We call on you and your government to keep its promise to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, not just in some places, but everywhere in BC including the Peace River Valley. We also call on you and your government to guarantee uninterrupted employment for workers already employed in the dam construction and for new First Nations workers by turning to investment in renewable energy sources which do not destroy the Peace Valley ecology.

Yours for Climate Justice,

Harry Kopyto, Gord Doctorow

Co-coordinators NDP4LEAP

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:03 PM
Cc:
Subject: RE: Site C
Attachments: Three reasons to celebrate Alberta's first procurement of renewables | Blog Posts | Pembina Institut.pdf

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:45 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Project Assurance Board Site C Hydro Dam

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Sincerely

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Sent from my iPhone

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 12:44 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Mark.MLA, Melanie LASS:EX
Subject: site C

Dear Premier

I am writing as both a voter and as a member of the New Democratic Party.

As a voter I wish to declare my outrage at the decision you and your government have made to approve the Site C dam project. I also want to protest this decision as a member of your party. It is personally humiliating to be associated with such a disgraceful and indefensible decision.

Enough has already been said about the many reasons that this project is wrong. It is not like these reasons are a secret, so I won't expand on a topic which is already well documented, both from a cultural or from an environmental perspective.

We who opposed Clark and all she represented know it is economically unnecessary. Your government was supposed to represent a change from their corporate greed and idiocy.

Regarding Site C I have to admit that I now have no answer for those who cynically call or have called us the No Difference Party. You have made the NDP live up to that insulting description by your decision to affirm this shameful project.

This is not why I supported and voted for you.

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To: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: s.22 ; BC Greens
Subject: Re: Site C Decision

Dear Minister Mungall and Premier Horgan:

Thank you for your email, Minister Mungall.

However, I disagree with you about a “massive debt.” This is misleading. As I told you in my previous email, the debt of \$4 billion works out to a small amount on a per British Columbian basis. If the project were stopped immediately, the cost would be much less, and would probably be regarded as insignificant relative to other costs.

Yes, it was foolish for the previous government to undertake such a project, but it is more foolish to finish it off at an even greater expense to the future of British Columbia, and to mislead British Columbians. To threaten British Columbians with a “need” to cancel other projects, if Site C was cancelled, is unacceptable bullying.

My wonder is what really caused this government that has been honourable until now, to make such a bad decision. Was it pressure from BC Hydro? Unions?

Thank you, in advance, for your reply.

Respectfully,
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On Dec 14, 2017, at 12:07 PM, Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX <EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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We recognize the significant impacts on Treaty 8 First Nations and that's why Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and I met directly with Treaty 8 Leaders in their territory. Our Government and BC Hydro will work in partnership with Treaty 8 First Nations on measures to address their concerns, including a re-design of the Highway 29 re-alignment to reduce impact on potential burial sites and sacred places, and the establishment of a Treaty 8 project advisory committee. Further, we will ask BC Hydro to consider the development of a new procurement stream for smaller scale renewable electricity projects where First Nations are proponents or partners.

Our Government remains fully committed to meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples - to working in partnership with all First Nations, and to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Once again, I want to thank you for your valuable perspective on this issue. I am committed to continuing a dialogue with all British Columbians as the project proceeds.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mungall

Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:05 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Decisions

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22
Sent: December 13, 2017 4:45 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Decisions

Good Afternoon John Horgan,

Congratulations on a tough but fair and well thought out decision to proceed.

This will safeguard some very needed well paying jobs.

Now PLA agreements with the Union Building trades, the best trained in B .C. whom will do the best job for the Residents of B.C.

Which will help protect a very large capital investment .

Regards,

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:00 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Conroy.MLA, Katrine LASS:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear Premier Horgan and MLA Conroy,

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment with the recent decision to continue with the construction of the Site C dam. Flooding the Peace River Valley is a betrayal of the people who voted for the NDP. Not only is this a bad economic decision, it is a bad policy decision with regard to the energy future of this province and this country.

No doubt the NDP were influenced both by BC Hydro and the federal Liberal Party. I find it embarrassing that the NDP were unable to stand up to these short term profiteers.

The future cannot include continuing along the same path that brought us to the environmental crisis we are now facing. Habitat must be protected and energy needs must be drastically reduced. Solutions must be found on a community by community basis, staying within the bioregional capacity our geography dictates.

In addition, the colonial attitude of subduing the land and the indigenous people who live here cannot continue. Reconciliation must include ending these colonial attitudes.

In the past I have supported the NDP provincially and federally, both financially and with my vote ^{s.22}
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I will no longer be supporting the NDP, ^{s.22} of the
NDP. Your party has lost my trust completely. I say this with a heavy heart and a sense of loss.

Sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:38 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Stop the Site C dam!

Dear Premier Horgan,

I was excited when your party came into leadership in BC, and when I watched the video of you spilling your glass of water beside Prime Minister Trudeau, I thought, here is someone who will defend our environment. I am shocked that you haven't taken a stand against Site C. This project is needless, short-sighted and destructive. We are well past the point when projects like this should be able to get pushed through by the pressure of profit hungry business interests.

Please fulfill the promise that you made to us as citizens of BC and of the world.

thank you.
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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:38 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Andrew Weaver; dcavers@kamloops.ca
Subject: Site C

Dear Mr. Horgan,

I am writing to express my disappointment with the NDP decision to continue with the Site C Dam. It shows me that the NDP does not have the ability to stand up and make big decisions as promised in the election. I have been a long time supported of the NDP but in this last election I supported the Green party and voted Green. The Liberals won in my riding but I see Green as the way of the future.

The only reason you are the Premier is that the Green MLA's voted with you to put down the Liberal government. And now you ignore the Greens and vote with the Liberals.

The Liberals had no problem burning the fast cats and that was a great economic idea creating many jobs to build ferries in BC but the Liberals killed it. And mothballed brand new ferries which were essentially prototypes and would have improved in design, cost, etc overtime. But the Liberals killed it which was horrendous but they had no problem doing it. I do not have any personal stake in the ferries except t

s.22 watched them sit and rot and then sold for pennies on the dollar. As a taxpayer, this angers me.

I don't understand the need for a new dam when there are generating stations that are not being used to potential. Why are there private dams in this province. The list of private hydro-electric generating stations in BC is long. What if by 2024, private hydro-electric generating companies are supplying enough power. Where is the 10 billion coming from to fund the project? Isn't that taking money away from "other infrastructure spending" let alone education, health, etc. What if the price of electricity got so high that people started installing solar panels on their rooftops. Isn't that the direction we should be going, instead of being NIMBY's and building a dam way up north- out of site, out of mind.

We are already seeing fracking turn the north into a wasteland. It's isn't right and it isn't proper, that we are allowing huge corporations to take advantage in this province for too little return and destruction that will last for generations. Do we want what is happening in Alberta? All those ugly oil sands and then the price of oil drops and people get laid off and lose their homes anyway.

All the slash that is left by the logging industry - what if that was harvested and used to create energy - we are suffering from the effects of the smoke caused by forest fires anyway - it's already there and burned - along with the rest of the forest. Why are the logging companies allowed to continue to leave all that slash behind?

What about landfill gas which is being produced anyway but it also being wasted. In Delta they are capturing the landfill gas and using it to heat the mega greenhouses there.

We need innovation and forward thinking in this province. The Liberals were only interested in lining their friend's pocket books. They did not care for the average citizen in this province.

For example s.22 the 15 year Liberal battle with the teacher's union. The teachers did work to rule and stopped looking after the little ones during lunch and recess. One of the parents stayed with the kindergarten kids at lunch time before they could go out and play. They were too young to be unsupervised in

the class room. Teachers wouldn't discipline children they sent them to the office and expected the administration to do the discipline. As union members the teachers stuck to their contract and stopped doing any extra-curriculars. Eventually some teachers decided to go against the union and continue with some extra-curricular activities but now the damage is done and it will take years to recover; As you are now experiencing. The cracks were pretty big for kids to fall through and if, as a parent, you didn't teach your kids to read in elementary school and hire math tutors in high school your kids could have been set up to fail. The quiet kids, not causing problems, but also not learning fell through the cracks. They would have graduated, but they would not have been educated. s.22

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s.22 I recognize that many schools became "have-not" schools and it wasn't fair and the children were cheated. The Liberals failed us by downloading some of the education's costs to the parents at individual schools creating two levels of public education.

Big corporations kept the Liberals in power not the average citizen.

It's time to stand up for the people of this province. We don't pay taxes to fund big corporations, we pay taxes for services. We don't elect Premiers to schmooze and get in bed with big corporations, we elect Premiers to fight hard for the best partnerships and working relationships for the people of the province. Don't be like the Liberals!

Sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From: -
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:33 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX
Cc: Bains.MLA, Harry LASS:EX; Beare.MLA, Lisa LASS:EX; 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; James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX; Kahlon.MLA, Ravi LASS:EX; Kang.MLA, Anne LASS:EX; Krog.MLA, Leonard LASS:EX; Leonard.MLA, Ronna-Rae LASS:EX; 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.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX; Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX; Simpson.MLA, Shane L LASS:EX; Sims.MLA, Jinny LASS:EX; Singh.MLA, Rachna LASS:EX; Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX
Subject: Site C Dam is for powering frackers - 2016 article quotes still apply.

A reminder for you from 2016 of the real reason behind Site C, and WHY it should not proceed:
<https://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2016/03/16/Whoopers-BC-LNG/>

Site C dam is for powering frackers

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Just to be clear, Mr. Horgan: I'm not smiling.

Regards,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:27 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Such disappointment to see what you have chosen for the direction of our province.

I would like to see a blow by blow account of who it was that got to you and convinced you to betray your supporters and your promises to the indigenous people. How were you lead to believe that the beautiful land of the peace should be flooded and destroyed.

I would like to know who said what or who promised what in exchange for this decision.
How sad to think that you are no different than Christie Clark and her gang.

Why did you have a BCUC inquiry if you won't listen to the results? And you could listen to Roland Wilson about the costs and ability of the land to recover which it never ever will if you build the dam.

What I wonder is if you read all the information that I read about that says damming is not a good idea? Do you not read that more jobs can be had creating alternate and clean NRG that does NOT wreak such havoc? Surely you knew to create a plan for the discontinuance that would make things better for the working people.

Here is hoping that the courts of this land support the Moberly and Prophet cases.
Here is hoping something comes along to put a stop to this sadness.

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:23 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Please re-consider Site C Dam project

Dear Premier Horgan,

Although I have immediate family in British Columbia, I am a resident of Saskatchewan, and take a keen interest in social and environmental issues. When the NDP came to power in British Columbia, my first hope was that respect and common-sense might now prevail in the matter of the Site C Dam project. This week, my heart dropped when I read that your government has now given the go-ahead to this disastrous and unnecessary project. Your decision contradicts the findings of the independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission, that, despite the current investment in this project, there are alternatives to power generation which may be cheaper. Cleaner and cheaper investments in solar and renewables will enable the beautiful Peace River Valley to be saved from the degradation and destruction that the Site C project is creating. To keep pouring money into this project, which is so damaging in so many ways, is akin to making payments on a house or car whose value and use has dropped below any worth to be gained from it. And that is just the calculable monetary value. Mr. Premier, there is more at stake here than money. Specifically, the cost to the environment and habitat of native species is monstrous. Although these costs cannot be easily quantified, all modern economists caution that the environmental costs of any project cannot be ignored. Nature needs room, as does the human soul in this degraded world. And God knows, Nature needs heroes so desperately. This alone should give you pause.

Secondly, your violation of the rights of Indigenous peoples is difficult to comprehend. I believe that you, yourself have stated that rights protected by Treaty 8, as well as the Canadian Constitution, would be violated if the Peace Valley were flooded. Your government's disrespect of Treaty 8 peoples goes against everything the NDP purports to stand for. Canadians are waking up from our long blindness to the rights of Indigenous peoples, and we have much to remedy. You simply cannot usher in your administration by sending signals to Indigenous peoples and other Canadians, that Treaty rights are dismissable. Not only is this immoral, it sets you against much of your base of support -- people like me who are eager to advance our reconciliation with First Nations peoples. Further development of Site C must cease until there is a resolution on the matter of Treaty rights obligations.

To speak plainly, Mr. Premier, advancing the Site C project in the face of BC Utilities and Amnesty International reports which point out its folly, is no way to keep or win support for your party. Monies freed up from the Site C project can be invested in the pressing social and infrastructure problems of north-east British Columbia. Your government has made a poor calculation. Everywhere in our beleaguered world, we see administrations and financial interests bringing more havoc and destruction to our dying planet. Please step up for the values of sustainability, respect for the natural world, and 'people before profits'. If you do otherwise, you are listening to very bad advice.

Yours sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:59 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: AGR.inister@gov.bc.ca; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX
Subject: Site C decision

Dear Premier Horgan,

I watched with dismay your announcement re: Site C on Monday. The glum, funereal demeanour of you and the Minister for the Environment was very disheartening and seemed to say it all. It suggested a government that is knowingly making the wrong choice but feels compelled to anyways; a government that has declined to assume the power to make a brave and forward-thinking decision for the whole range of very valid reasons to do so. That decision would have required active imagination to envision and embrace new ways of doing things and the confidence that moving this important issue outside of the Liberal party's narrow little box could truly be a positive step forward for our province. Regrettably your choice, and the priorities it reveals, indicates how much you really are like them. I believe that when governments give fiscal concerns the most weight while pushing aside and not properly addressing other equally important concerns its a very bad sign for the overall health of a province. I believe that its this very tendency in recent politics in B.C. that drove voters to elect a new government which they thought would act differently.

No matter how you have chosen to justify this decision, you own it 100% and will be held to account for the results of it as they unfold. No one is going to be blaming the former government for your choice. You had complete power to put a halt to a project you say you have never believed in, would never have chosen. But here we are: you *have* chosen it. At least the people of B.C. now have a clearer idea of who the leader of our present government is and the kind of decision-making we can most-likely expect going forward. Unfortunately I don't believe that this is the type of leadership many voters had hoped for. All those who voted for real change won't be fooled again.

This all seems very sad as I imagine that you entered public service for the best of reasons and that you truly want to make positive changes for our province. I understand that it is a difficult job that requires extraordinary stamina and commitment. However, to my great disappointment, I find myself with little confidence in your judgement or your priorities.

Sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:46 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Nicholas.Simons@leg.bc.ca
Subject: Site C Decision

Dear Mr. Horgan:

I was fortunate to have a s.22 province's vast renewable electricity resources. I strongly support your decision to continue with the Site C project. I believe Site C will provide significant benefits to the citizens of BC over its expected 100 year life. While there are many critics at the moment, I am confident that your decision will be seen as the right one for BC in the fullness of time. Best wishes,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:39 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: info@ndp.ca; Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; Murray.Rankin@parl.gc.ca; James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; info@bcndp.ca; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: Shame on you, John Horgan

Dear John Horgan and those who support Site C,

You have betrayed us. Your press conference was monumentally duplicitous, which is to say, deceptive. Only, you haven't fooled most of us.

The NDP has a history of reneging on environmental commitments. I don't want to support Andrew Weaver, but after a betrayal like this from the NDP, which extends a history of betrayal going back decades, I'm reconsidering my NDP membership. I actively fought against the Greens on your behalf, but no longer. Especially after seeing the list of your campaign contributors... It's obvious how this steered your hand mightily.

Most of the people I know are angry. You should know, we will fight you on this, and hard.

Shame on you. We won't forget this.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:37 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Fraser.MLA, Scott LASS:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX; Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX
Subject: Reconsider Site C decision!

Premier Horgan, Scott, Mr Heyman, Ms Popham,

Please re-consider the disastrous decision to approve Site C.

I cannot understand how going into debt for \$10 billion is better than going into debt for about \$4 billion, and restoring a unique ecosystem and agricultural area, and reconciling with First Nations. The money will be re-invested in local jobs for the rehabilitation.

Sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:23 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: Heating Costs

The Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia

Dear Mr. Horgan:

The go ahead for Site C was a disappointment that can only result in higher costs for hydro power. While trying to digest the implications of this I awoke to the news yesterday that "natural" gas prices are down 15%, a price benefit to the consumer.

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vulnerable to the vagaries of the market and bad government policy.

So what do we do, Mr. Horgan? Borrow against our meagre pensions to lay in a gas line and abandon our principles of sustainable living we have faithfully lived by just to stay warm? Please! For God's sake do something? By both your action on site C and inaction on energy pricing you are wilfully exacerbating climate change and your global responsibility to mitigate it.

I await, not so hopefully, your reply.

Sincerely,
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:18 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: your decision on site C

Premier Horgan:

It appears to me that you made the wrong decision on the site C dam and I'm writing to encourage you to admit your mistake and rectify it.

I share the dismay and shock felt by all the people in BC who've read the evidence from the BC Utilities Commission, who support Aboriginal people, environmentalists and farmers in the Peace valley, and who voted NDP because you promised a change from the Christy Clark way of governing.

It seemed like a no-brainer that this misguided project would be stopped - and yet here we are, with your reputation in tatters and your caucus divided, in the position of throwing billions of dollars in good money after bad.

The math does not support your claim that we can't afford to bail out of this disaster. I want to know what, in the absence of all common sense and in defiance of simple arithmetic, persuaded you to go ahead with site C?

Please reply without bullshit, as there is quite enough of that on my plate already. The electorate is prepared to forgive and forget as long as you tell the truth, apologize and reverse this untenable decision.



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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 9:15 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Site C

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From s.22
Date: 14 December 2017 at 09:09
Subject: Site C
To: John Horgan <john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca>

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:58 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Hello John,

Hard to find word to express the intensity of my disappointment. You totally missed the opportunity to do the right thing. I am old enough to know that deciding on right action can sometimes be excruciatingly difficult, but this one was an obvious one.

I think you should ask us if we are willing to risk that we may have to pay more for electricity in the future. Experts cannot predict this accurately so this is a lame "reason". s.22

s.22 So I don't buy the lack of options rationale.

Furthermore, Harry Swain said just last week, "a decision to continue to build the dam based on fears of a big rate hike from cancellation would be a decision taken in serious ignorance," Your financial justification makes no sense.

My partner and I have generously contributed to the NDP provincially and federally s.22

s.22 for many years.

I cannot believe you can make a decision that refutes aboriginal rights. This is aboriginal territory and I have no doubt the courts will acknowledge this some day. In the mean time, you have no right to alter it in such a profound way.

This is a deal breaker for me. I will no longer support the NDP with my money, my words, or my vote until you make the right choice.

In ending, I will borrow someone else's words:

"I deeply hope that you will show the same fortitude and intelligence that you showed on the campaign trail talking about better alternatives to Site C, and after reviewing the evidence will make the difficult decision to not throw more good money after bad. British Columbia does not need short term gain employment, an ever-rising budget boondoggle, without support of indigenous communities.

You have a tremendous opportunity to make the truly bold leadership move and cancel Site C. This project is not the doing of the NDP Government." Don't make it the doing of the NDP.

It's never too late to correct a mistake,

Kindest Regards,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:50 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C

Premier John Horgan

As a white woman in this country, I am shamed and outraged that the BC government would blast ahead with a project they know is in violation of Indigenous rights for the sake of money.

You yourself promised to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, including the Peace River Valley.

You yourself acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian constitution and that this issue has never been addressed or resolved.

The BC Utilities Commission confirmed that there are less destructive alternatives, that despite the money already spent, may still be cheaper in the long run.

Do the right thing. Stop ignoring the rights of Indigenous peoples. Stop the dam. Or at the very least, stop until there's a resolution of obligations to Treaty rights.

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cc. Andrew Weaver

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 7:08 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C dam

Dear Premier Horgan,

I'm stunned that an NDP government would approve a massive Dam project that totally disrespects the wishes of indigenous peoples and threatens the environment.

When you were elected, I was so happy because I thought pipelines and the Site C dam and other massive projects would be stopped, so I'm really disappointed. I don't live in BC (I am an NDP supporter in Ontario) but my relatives live in BC. However, I was protesting the dam even before they asked me to.

Have you not seen the cost implications of this billion dollar project that will destroy the Peace River Valley?

You could do so much more with these millions, to boost health and infrastructure projects, even while covering cancellation costs and other forms of renewable energy. An independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission confirmed that there are less destructive alternatives that, despite the money already spent, may still be cheaper in the long run.

You must keep your promise to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, all over BC including the Peace River Valley. You yourself have admitted that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution.

I guess it's too late to stop the dam, but please do what you can to respect indigenous rights and the environment.

Yours sincerely,
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 6:19 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier,

I am very disappointed to hear about the approval of the Site C dam and this lack of respect for Indigenous rights. I hope the government will revoke its decision and interest in pursuing this project in this location.

Sincerely,
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 6:13 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Mr Horgan,

I am very concerned your government will decide to go ahead with Sits C

To go ahead with Site C will place a huge burden on future generations. The province has come to crossroad, your government decides to chase with dollars a Site C project which makes no economic sense. Or

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 6:02 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C travesty

Dear Premier John Horgan,

This is an unfair burden for First Nations to bear. Indigenous peoples should not have to go to court to make governments uphold the rights - governments should do so a fundamental principle of responsible government.

The provincial government should live up to the principles of reconciliation and human rights protection that it promised when it was elected.

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 5:59 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Approval

Dear Premier Horgan and Ministers:

I must express to you my profound sadness and inability to abide by the decision to proceed with Site C Dam. I understand how difficult a decision it was that needed to be made, but once the Hydro Partners got involved, I feared the worst. Site C represents the status quo we were stuck with during the reign of the Liberals and stopping the dam would have generated a huge backlash.....but it might have saved the north and given BC a chance to save the North from the industrialization that will continue to slice away at the delicate environment that stabilizes our climate. The values that waste and poison the water a project at a time will continue to dominate our culture and the rampant growth that some think is progress. Corporations have to be controlled but at this time, the wealthy corporations are holding the people of BC hostage and our quality of life is deteriorating. It can actually be linked to the fentanyl crisis and growing list of fatal overdoses. The economy should be in the service of our lives and that includes the biosphere...the animals, the rivers, climate, air, clean water.....in order to survive and feed their families, people must enslave themselves with such destructive expensive unnecessary projects as Site C. It is reptilian thinking;, as a civilization we are failing.

And now, I have no one to vote for.

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From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:34 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Peace River Valley

Dear Mr Horgan

I am writing to say that I think the BC government is wrong to ignore the human rights of Indigenous Peoples of the Peace River Valley.

1. I think the claim that a small, short-term cost saving could ever justify the violation of Indigenous rights is misguided.
2. The independent review carried out by the BC Utilites Commission confirmed that there are less destructive alternatives that, despite the money already spent, may still be cheaper in the long run.
3. I am informed that the government promised to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, not just in some places, but everywhere in BC including the Peace River Valley.
4. I am also informed that you yourself have previously acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution and that this issue has never been addressed or resolved.

May I politely therefore ask that you, in your capacity as premier, rethink this situation, and urge the government to at least ensure that no further harm is done while the issue of Treaty rights obligations remains unresolved.

Thank you in advance for your attention in this important matter,

Sincerely

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 12:45 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Hi John

Why couldn't your government cancel the site C Dam project and make the BC Liberals pay the full cost of cancelation as your government's decision to continue it just cost your party all future votes, donations, & volunteers?

Sent from my iPhone

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:11 PM
To: Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Re: Stay strong

Sent from myMail for iOS

----- Forwarded message -----

From: s.22
To: ,
Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 10:09 PM -0800
Subject: Re: Stay strong

Another BC Hydro multi million dollar mega project that did NOT have a BCUC review is the Itron smart meter program. BC Hydro's smart meter program saw no review and to this day has seen no oversight and since 2012, I have wanted to know why. Over 73,000 BC Hydro customers are waiting and I'm one of them. I expect your government to call for a complete and thorough smart meter BCUC review, investigation and province wide public and transparent public input sessions. There is something wrong with after 5 years, countless emails, faxes, phone calls, complaints and documents containing proof that far outweigh and overshadow BC Hydro's lies of their safety and the most recent fire report sent to you in September. That fire report outlines the never ending smart meter caused problems that remain ignored and unaddressed. There are many hidden and covered up Itron smart meter caused appliance failures, house fires (these meters weren't designed for the analog meter bases) and that's the reason why for example, homeowner s.22

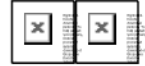
s.22 . BC Hydro's smart meter's have a design flaw and that combined with the botched installation of her smart meter the day before (by a grossly under qualified non BC licensed and non B C certified electrical engineer) meter installer working for Corix) is why s.22 lost her home, her belongings and her cars but her meter base and s.22 were blamed... ?

<http://www.vancouversun.com/technology/fire+guts+mission+home+after+hydro+smart+meter+installed/7033882/story.html> — meter explosions like this one s.22

s.22 just like this one:

<https://www.thevalleyvoice.ca/Voice%20Stories/january%202015/smart%20meter%20explosion%20causes%20house%20fire%20-%20january-16-2015.htm>

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Since the NDP government announced its decision to continue with Site C, our offices have been flooded with thousands of emails and phone calls from people like you who feel betrayed by this decision.

Andrew, Adam and I are angry, frustrated, and saddened. We did everything we could to give the government the evidence they needed to stop Site C. It is a discouraging moment for us, but we will be watching closely the unfolding reaction and response to this decision.

But we are also feeling something else –

We are feeling more determined than ever to fight for what we believe in.

The government's bad decision on Site C has strengthened our resolve to provide bold leadership and brave, principled, evidence-based policies for British Columbians.

Will you join us? Tell us what is important to you as we head into the new year.

British Columbia needs bold leadership – bold leadership that we can provide together.

You can tell us what you want Andrew, Adam and me to stand up for here:
http://www.bcgreens.ca/stay_strong

Then share the page with your friends on Facebook or Twitter.

We want to hear from you.

Gratefully,
Sonia

Sonia Furstenau
MLA, Cowichan Valley
Deputy Leader, BC Green Party

BC Greens are powered by you, s.22 That's why we sent you this email at **s.22** . If you have questions or ideas to share, please [get in touch with us](#). To learn more about how your provincial government can put people first, read our [2017 election platform](#) or [the policy manual](#) that inspired it. We'd love to know what you think. The best way to get news from Andrew Weaver and the BC Greens is to receive these emails. It's also the best way to find out how you can contribute time, money, and energy to the cause. If you really need to, you can unsubscribe [here](#) — but we'll really miss you... You can also stay in the loop by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). If you're still reading this, you must really love the BC Greens. Or maybe you just like fine print? Either way, maybe you'd like to help out as a [volunteer](#). Thank you for everything you do. Keep up the good work!

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 9:55 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX; Simpson.MLA, Shane L LASS:EX; Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX
Subject: CONSTRUCTION OF SITE C BE POSTPONED

PVLA and PVEA have requester further discussion on your main reason for continuing with Site C...ie the raising of hydro rates for BC taxpayers. I write in agreement with this request and also to stress the importance of postponing construction until this discussion has taken place.

Sincerely

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 9:51 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX; AGRIMinister@gov.bc.ca; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C dam

Premier Horgan, Ministers and Dr Weaver,

As a resident of Fort St John, I am appalled at your decision to continue the colossal mistake started by the previous government. As I sat listening to your press conference and heard you tell us that this makes economic sense, I must say, the look on your face told us not even you believed what you were saying. This dam will not cost \$10.700,000,000, it will be double that amount. s.22, we are getting very concerned about the landfill and the weight of 50 years of garbage teetering precariously above massive tension cracks. Herein lies the problem with site c. The hills will dictate the final costs, not your imaginary budget.

During your presser, I sat in sheer disbelief as you said "I am not the first politician to disappoint First Nations" then in later publications declare that these particular First Nations don't fall under your commitment to UNDRIP because you didn't start this project, but you will be the one to finish it. If I was reading that and not looking and hearing you, I would have sworn that those Christy Clark's words. Well sir, I beg to differ. Every First Nation in this province is entitled to the same respect and regard. Infringement doesn't end because government changed. It is your responsibility and the responsibility of your appointed Minister to enact UNDRIP to each nation from the moment you took the oath as premier of BC. That was your promise to all First Nations in BC, you certainly didn't exclude Moberly Lake and Prophet River Nations during your election campaign, and you cannot exclude them now. To assume you can is just utterly incomprehensible. It flies in the face of the spirit of UNDRIP and it is an unbelievable insult to these 2 Nations of the Peace and Treaty 8. Your comments have shamed an entire province. They are despicable and perpetuate the systemic racism we all want to end. They are unforgivable and you owe an apology of the highest order to every member of these Nations. That would be the very least us non Indigenous people will accept. The 2 Nations in question may feel otherwise, but it's a good place to start.

Another flaw in your decision is the agricultural land in our region. Something you seem to have little to no knowledge about. While we do have excellent soils for grains, seed and feed crops, we do not have agricultural land for growing vegetables except in the valley and bottom lands. Any person in this region who grows a garden on the plateaus will tell you the work that goes into readying the soil to grow vegetables. s.22

s.22 The valley has ancient alluvial soils and a class 1 micro climate. I'm sure Minister Popham can explain the significance of that to you since nobody who understands this would dare destroy it. Our valley produces watermelons, cantaloupe, cherries, grapes, apples and a vast variety of vegetables. s.22

s.22 It is valuable to us in the north. Do not discount this valley and it's importance to all of us. Do not assume that people can just throw a seed in the ground and a pea will pop up. You are robbing us of a major food source. Remember that when you have your next presser to explain the inexplicable.

Having said all of this s.22, I am not quite done. As a member of the BC Green party, I have decided to withhold the \$100.00 I have put aside to support my party and will donate it to the www.stakeinthepeace.com campaign to support the West Moberly and Prophet River Nations. I'm sure you remember that campaign quite well, having actually supported it knowing full well you were going to build site c, but wanted these northern votes. Those same people you posed with for a picture, whose homes you will now give the go ahead to be burned to the ground. That must be hard to reconcile in your mind and heart, to recall shaking their hands knowing what you knew but perpetuating the fraud anyway. Expendable people I guess.

Ah, to be such a man. I have also relinquished my membership the the NDP party of Canada and have joined the Green Party of Canada. For full disclosure and to perhaps give you an idea of my outrage at your blatant betrayal to the citizens of BC, I also asked the leader of the BC Green Party to give you an ultimatum that you either cancel site c or the CASA agreement would be null and void. I understand the implications of this request and have no real expectation that Dr Weaver would actually do it, but I would rather have a liberal government I know is corrupt and is without values, morals or scruples, whom we expected to lie and deceive. I would rather have that than someone who actually garnered the trust of the people only to in the end, betray that trust. That is the epitome of a person who values power above people. I am very afraid for the future of BC, with a downgraded credit rating and not 5/10 kids living in poverty and hungry, but 9/10. That is where you are taking us. It's obvious to everyone but you. Power is about empowering, not hurting the people who offered their trust and allowed you to guide their futures.

s.22

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 9:47 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Wrong decision for the future

Dear Premier Horgan,

We citizens continue to feel betrayed by politicians who seem to stand for principle, and for the land and it's people, and then show themselves to be beholden to corporate interests. Your decision on Site C was the wrong one for the future: for our descendants who will need a world that can feed them, for the health of the planet, for our purse strings. You should have listened to your wife instead of those who make decisions on only money.

Will you give over on the disgusting fish farms too? Kinder Morgan? Is **everything** about money? Is

Government just a Business? Are you elected people no longer supposed to protect more than Business?

Unless we can find politicians with the intelligence, vision, courage, and determination to end the greed that drives excessive alteration of the Earth for profit making, we will soon find the waterways are poisoned everywhere, the air is foul, the climate kills, the seas have no life.

I have thought about this, and will be voting Green from now on.

Yours truly,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 9:35 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C dam

Good evening Premier Horgan,

I am disappointed with the government announcement that the site C dam will go ahead. A reason you gave for this is that too much money has already gone into the project to back out now. I would remind you of a saying that would bear heeding at this time: don't throw good money after bad. An independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission confirmed that there are less destructive alternatives than the dam. Even though a great deal of the money has already spent, the report indicated that these alternatives may still be cheaper in the long run

You made promises before the election that you would respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation. This is NOT how one goes about doing that. Your own words before getting into office were that "constitutional rights to practice hunting and fishing" would be "violated by this dam."

I urge your government to reconsider this approval, and to do no further harm while the issue of Treaty rights and obligations remains unresolved.

Yours sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 9:17 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Ma.MLA, Bowinn LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Poor choices

13 December, 2017

Premier Horgan:

First, we have your spineless and unacceptable decision to continue the Site C Dam project last Monday. Then, today, we see you playing Santa Claus on today's 6 p.m. television news.

While you may not have planned the juxtaposition of the two events, today's behaviour poke another finger in the eye of those of us who are mourning, yes mourning, your announcement.

Unless you have some scheme up your sleeve that will reverse this tragedy, I can guarantee that you will have lost, not only the respect I had for you but, more importantly, you will have lost my vote.

I feel a great deal of sympathy for your wife who, among many thousands of others, gave you all the evidence and support you needed to oppose the project. Unfortunately, as so many have discovered about the people they rely on to provide stewardship of our public assets, you failed to listen.

Instead, you chose to disregard the truths you were being given - given by still-respected professionals who gave their all to help you understand the issues, and given by ordinary folk who did their level best to protect thousands of hectares of 3-generation farms, Class 1 farmlands, essential wildlife habitat and the pocketbooks of generations of BC taxpayers.

If we are to believe you - I do not - you justified your decision on the power demand and financial numbers you inherited from a BC Hydro that was forced into near bankruptcy by a corrupt BC Liberal regime. You promised us better than that.

Lastly, the answer you gave to a hard to hear question from Monday's media scrum said it all:

The question went something like, "How will you control costs and keep the project on budget?" to which you said you had just increased the budget to \$10.7 billion to make sure the project stays on budget. Also, if I heard it right, you said you would be putting in a monitoring system to keep an eye on things. Are you paying for that out of the \$10.7B?

Regardless, as other public bodies have found to their considerable cost, that kind of arithmetic doesn't work - especially when you have companies like Petrowest and SNC-Lavalin in the mix. (You would take their word over the words of people like Harry Swain, international energy expert Robert McCullough, Deloitte and many other such consultants???)

At a personal level, when I saw the Terms of Reference given BCUC, I figured they were worded to give a predetermined result, so I was not as surprised at your cave-in as I might otherwise have been.

You, Sir, have just given former premiers Campbell and Clark exactly what they wanted. Unless the courts stand up for us, you will have pushed the Site C project past the infamous "point of no return." AND you are destined to wear the fallout.

I am not merely disappointed in you, Andrew Weaver and your colleagues. I am absolutely disgusted and am praying for an outright revolution.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 9:15 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Alex Neve
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear Premier John Horgan,

When you became Premier of BC, we were hopeful you would bring justice back to Canada - the more we were shocked to learn your decision to continue the destruction of First Nation's land, promoting the Site C Dam, flooding the Peace River Valley, which would have a devastating impact. I do hope, you will reverse this decision, which would be a grave injustice, ignoring the rights of Indigenous peoples. This was their land since thousands of years, which they used for hunting, fishing and gathering of berries and medicinal plants.

A short time of monetary gain could never justify such injustice and violation of indigenous' rights. I am sure, you are aware of the independent review of the BC Utilities Commission, that confirmed that there are better alternatives available, despite the money already spent. In a time like this where the Government promised to protect indigenous rights, eager to pay for past wrongs - this would be a grave injustice to these people, a decision contrary to what was promised to them.

Did you not previously told that the flooding of the Peace River Valley would be a violation of First Nation's rights? We still remember your promise, which gave us hope. How is it possible that right after your election you turn around and do exactly what you said you would never do? Don't you see that your decision is a betrayal of all those who had hoped you would keep your promise?

It may be that the Treaty rights are still not solved at least do everything in your power to stop further destruction of this whole region. There are better ways. Those environmental impacts would be devastating not only for First Nations but for your future as well.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 9:08 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Mr. Horgan,

I am feeling totally betrayed by your government's ill-considered decision on Site C. You had a chance to show real courage and make the right decision for our province and for the earth, but it appears as though you caved to big money interests (unions) after all, just like the Liberals.

I will not be voting for you in the future, it appears as though the Greens are the only party with any integrity in our province.

Yours truly,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 8:58 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

REALLY, you don't have any understanding of God's Creation?

As a non-indigenous U.S.A. citizen and Christian, it never ceases to amaze me how non indigenous people who claim to be Christians, are ignorant of basic spiritual principles set forth by God as recorded in the Bible.

Jesus' powerful words are self explanatory, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, yet lose his soul?"

Just what exactly did you gain by turning your back on the Peace River? Whatever it was, is merely a temporary thing, that can't be compared to what you would have gained by serving the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY and "...doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly before..." Him.

I pity you.

Sincerely,
s.22

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 8:02 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Short-sited C

Premier Horgan,

I am appalled with your government's decision to continue the Site C dam project given the considerable opposition from the Peace River communities, the BCUC recommendation, First Nations and many informed community groups and qualified individuals. It is a betrayal of the NDP's election platform of having an independent review of the project by the BCUC, only to ignore its recommendations.

You had an opportunity to set a new course for renewable energy supplies in BC as well as protecting valuable farmland and First Nations interests. Instead you chose to continue a Liberal Government short-sighted plan at enormous expense and uncertain completion.

From an economic viewpoint, the past expenditures are not relevant to an evaluation of the project since they are a sunk cost. What is more relevant is a projection of future costs and benefits, which critics have clearly concluded that this project does not justify continued and uncertain spending.

It is also ironic that the NDP is actively canvassing for donations for your party while making a decision to continue a demonstrated uneconomic and unpopular project.

Forget any donation from me until you take positive actions to keep your promises to the BC public. A good start would be to rescind your approval of Site C and put a stop to the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion project.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 8:00 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier

I am sure you are hearing lots from people who disagree with your decision on Site C. That is why I am writing to say I think you did the right thing. I say this as one who worked for s.22 focussing on conservation and use of renewable energy. The renewables are great and we should pursue them strongly but as we have no suitable means of storing electricity, we need to have a conventional electricity supply ready to go for when the renewables are not working (ie no sun or no wind).

Not to get too lengthy, please accept my congratulations on your decision.

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 8:00 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Hello

What is with the flooding of the Peace River in northern BC. Do we have yet another lying government party. This discusts me. I thought we finally found a party to work in the best interests of the public. This will devastate indigenous rights to hunt and gather and swallow up small farms. It will be detrimental to wildlife...as if we haven't put way too much pressure on them already. We have learned that dams are bad. It will be cheaper to make alternative arrangements. Just drop the continuation. Stdy shows other alternatives that are cheaper can be done. It is not like our government hasn't wasted our money in the past. The money saved can go towards other ventures. If you do not change this then I am at a standstill with voting for Green. Green is to save our lands, or so I was led to believe. More lying government. Please stop it.

e C: The BC government must do the right thing

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017 - 15:55

UPDATED DECEMBER 11, 2017

"To our allies, we say, 'keep fighting.' And to those of you just learning about this ruinous decision, don't stand for it...Call, meet, write, email, tweet." - Chief Lynette Tsakoza, Prophet River First Nations

On December 11, BC Premier John Horgan announced that his government intends to turn its back on the human rights of Indigenous peoples in the Peace River Valley.

Before being elected as Premier, John Horgan publicly stated that "constitutional rights to practice hunting and fishing" would be "violated by this dam." As Premier, he publicly stated that this issue has never been resolved and may ultimately end up before the Supreme Court.

Despite these public statements, Premier Horgan now says construction must continue. And, he says, it's not his fault. The Premier says too much money has already been spent, making it too expensive to stop construction.

But that claim directly contradicts the findings of the recent independent review by the BC Utilities Commissions which found that - despite the money already spent on Site C - there are still affordable, less destructive alternatives.

Amnesty has called the Premier's decision outrageous and cynical. What's worse, he seems to be suggesting that it's ok to violate Indigenous rights if doing so might save the province money.

Despite what the Premier said, Site C is not past the point of no return. There's still time to stop construction and repair the harm.

The West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations have announced that they will continue their fight in court. A court victory could halt the dam, regardless of the Premier's decision.

But this is an unfair burden for First Nations to bear. Indigenous peoples should not have to go to court to make governments uphold the rights - governments should do so a fundamental principle of responsible government.

The provincial government should live up to the principles of reconciliation and human rights protection that it promised when it was elected. If it doesn't have the courage or conviction to stop the dam outright, it must ensure that no further harm is done to vital animal habitat, cultural sites and multi-generation family farms while the outstanding issue of Treaty rights is resolved. It would be fundamentally unjust for the courts to rule in favour of the First Nations after the harm had already been done.

You are **wrong to ignore the human rights of Indigenous peoples.**

- I am outraged over the claim that a small, short-term cost saving could ever justify the violation of Indigenous rights.
- I would like to point out the independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission confirmed that there are less destructive alternatives that, despite the money already spent, may still be cheaper in the long run.
- calling for the government to keep its promise to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, not just in some places, but everywhere in BC including the Peace River Valley.
- The Premier himself has previously acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution and that this issue have never been addressed or resolved.

- I urge the government to at least ensure that no further harm is done while the issue of Treaty rights obligations remains unresolved.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 7:56 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: greenparty-ca
Subject: Courage

Sir:

Just because someone else started it, is no excuse for not doing the right thing. Trusting you to take care of my future is no longer on the table. Every time you open your mouth, I'll assume you're buckling under again.

Not only does this decision fly in the face of reconciliation with First Nations, the bigger issue is the flagrant abuse of the environment. We need leaders who are committed and brave enough to march us into a new era where wind, sun, ocean currents, etc., support our energy needs. The Cite C damn is an anachronism before it's even built; a waste of time, money and manpower.

I had some hope when you became premier, but like all the rest in government, you landed in the legislature with feet of clay.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 7:46 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Re: Finish the Site C dam

Thanks for approving the Site C dam. It was the right thing to do.

We need to listen to real scientists and engineers, not former scientists pandering for votes.

sincerely

s.22

On Sun, Dec 10, 2017 at 11:00 AM, s.22 wrote:

I am writing to insist that you recommend completion of the Site C dam.

I have never worked for BC Hydro or related construction companies, but as someone who's lived in BC my whole life and as an s.22 I can say the benefits should be obvious. We have a long history of clean, affordable hydroelectric energy in BC/Canada and this technology has always proven to work and be cost effective in the long run - we have dams 50 and 100 years old and some of the lowest electricity rates in the world. We can't afford to write off billions of dollars and have nothing to show for it but debt. There is a false dichotomy between Site C hydroelectricity and other renewables - we can and should pursue both because we're going to need sustainable energy to transition away from fossil fuels. I've worked with solar and am excited by the technology, and we should support other renewables, but there's still complexity and costs with them that we need to consider.

sincerely

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 7:28 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Mr. Hogan,

This is to let you know that I also (with I'm sure , many other Canadians) strongly protest the idea of the Site C plan. The aboriginal people who lose their territory have made it clear that they don't want this destruction of their living area. Please make the correct, sensible decision and stop the project!

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 6:57 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am deeply saddened and bitterly disheartened by the decision made by the NDP-Green Coalition regarding going ahead with the building of the Site C Dam. How regressive a decision this seems to be for B.C, and for Canada when our current leadership has professed a commitment and dedication to truth and reconciliation to our native people, to our environment and to our food security.

While I understand that our newly elected government inherited Site C from the previous government, I do not believe the argument that so much has already been spent by the Liberals that the current provincial government can't back out of this mega-project now, I am not at all convinced that it is ever a fiscally-sound strategy to 'throw good money after bad'. Why could B.C. not adhere to the tried and true business practice of 'cutting one's losses' - in this case, the disastrous Liberal initiative to build Site C in the first place? What sense is there in continuing to spend massive amounts of money when massive amounts of money have already been wasted in the hope that a bad idea will become a good one? This is the mentality of a gambler.

I voted NDP because I believed that we stood a chance of getting rid of the repugnant Liberal, Christie Clark and her corporate cronies. I thought that forward -thinking was on the agenda for the critically-important issues of the day

I am left with the question: If I now can't trust the NDP-Green Coalition to protect the environment, who can I entrust with my next provincial election vote?

Respectfully,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

s.22

From:
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 6:03 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Premier Horgan.

I am writing to express my opposition to your decision on the Site C Dam. Basically a small, short-term cost saving does not justify the violation of Indigenous rights.

Please do the right thing...ensure that no further harm is done while the issue of Treaty rights obligations remains unresolved.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 5:39 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: jkuehn@amnesty.ca; BBerton-Hunter@amnesty.ca
Subject: NON À LA CONSTRUCTION DU BARRAGE, SITE C

Monsieur Horgan,

Avant d'être élu Premier ministre, vous avez déclaré publiquement que la pratique de la chasse et de la pêche, qui sont des droits constitutionnels des Premières nations, seraient violés si un barrage était construit sur le site C.

Respectez vos propres paroles, Monsieur, ne permettez pas que soit inondée la vallée où coule la Peace River, et qui est un territoire des Premières nations West Moberly et Prophet River.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 5:33 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Peace River Dam

Sir:

I am betrayed by your government's decision to continue with this dam. It is not a cost saving gesture but a complete bow to Big Hydro and Big Business. The environmental impact in that beautiful area will be devastating and the people of B.C. do not require this electric power.

Be assured that I shall never vote for The NDP ever again.

Yours truly,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 5:30 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam Approval

To Premier Hogan

I am writing to you tonight to express dismay and disappointment over your approval of the Site-C Dam, a project whose costs would include the flooding of the Peace River Valley Region in Northern British Columbia. There are many reasons why this is a mistake.

To start with, the Site-C Dam would negatively and permanently impact the ability of the region's Indigenous Peoples to practice their cultures and traditions. This includes the destruction of important cultural sites and the violation of their constitutional Hunting and Fishing rights, as you yourself pointed out in your role as opposition leader. Going ahead with such a disastrous plan in spite of this suggests that your government is not serious about pursuing reconciliation.

As well, the Peace River Valley includes fertile farmland that will be left underwater should the dam be completed, putting future food security in the Province at risk. This is especially dangerous as the world experiences the effects of Climate Change, which will impact food supply on a global scale. Stripping the Province of a potential local food source is unacceptable in light of this.

Ultimately, the power that this dam will supposedly supply is unnecessary, it's economic benefits mainly going towards the oil and gas industries at a time when we should be phasing them out. While potential loss in employment is a concern, the work needed to restore the site and the pursuit of alternate energy options could more than address this issue.

In conclusion, the approval of the Site-C Dam is a shortsighted, unjust, and callous decision, even if this was not your intention in making it. I hope that you will change your mind and reverse this decision. Even if you do not, I hope that you will work ceaselessly and tirelessly to avoid further destruction of this kind.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 5:26 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am respectfully expressing outrage over the claim that a small, short-term cost saving could ever justify the violation of Indigenous rights.

I would like to point out that the independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission confirmed that there are less destructive alternatives that, despite the money already spent, may still be cheaper in the long run.

Therefore I am calling on the government to keep its promise to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, not just in some places, but everywhere in BC including the Peace River Valley. You yourself previously acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution and that this issue have never been addressed or resolved.

I am urging the government to at least ensure that no further harm is done while the issue of Treaty rights obligations remains unresolved.

Respectfully yours

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 4:58 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

go to this link and read the article. You do not need to go forward with that damn dam.

https://thetyee.ca/News/2017/12/06/Site-C-Cancellation-Costs-Exaggerated-Says-Chief/?utm_source=weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=111217



Site C Cancellation Costs Exaggerated, Says Chief | The Tyee

thetyee.ca

Chief Roland Willson of the West Moberly First Nations says the Site C project will return to its natural state largely on its own if left unattended: 'A little bit ...

Do not go forward with this project. You are flooding a First Nations Burial Ground and thousands of acres of prime agricultural land. You have now lost the confidence of the many people in this province, especially First Nations. I am very sorry that I voted for you. I thought you were honest and had integrity, but I was wrong. You are no better than Christy Clark, Justin Trudeau or Stephen Harper and his clone, Andrew Scheer. Snake oil salesmen all. You have joined their exclusive club. I am so ashamed of you.

Does this mean you will fold on the Kinder Morgan pipeline as well and allow more tankers on our coast and a new tank farm in Burnaby? Are you going to allow fracking and the companies who do it, to poison our groundwater? Wake up, John. It is time to get all of the poison out of our province. Anything to do with fossil fuels. You can bet your bottom dollar that if we have an environmental disaster like an oil spill or a split pipeline or a tanker runs aground and our coast is awash in crude or bitumen; all the people like the National Energy Board and the Prime Minister's Office will not be appearing out here to help us. To them and all other politicians in Ottawa; Canada stops at the Rocky Mountains. They do not know or care about BC, except when they need to put a pipeline across us or have tankers come, or approve dams that are not necessary. They do not live here and do not care, except for the kickbacks they get from the companies who are building these things.

I am really appalled at your behavior. I had such faith in you. I am 70 years old and I really wanted to be right about you and that you were a good guy. I guess I should have known better.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 4:52 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Fraser.MLA, Scott LASS:EX;
doug.donaldson.mla@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Site C, caribou & wolves

Premier Horgan, Scott & Mr Donaldson,

So, do you think gutting the environment on the Peace will help caribou? Not too likely. At least stop the stupid wolf cull.

https://thetyee.ca/News/2017/11/17/Government-Restart-Winter-Wolf-Kill/?utm_source=daily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=171117

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 4:46 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C dam

Dear Mr. Premier,

I am very disappointed in your conclusion to continue with such a money losing and environmental damaging project. I wish you would reconsider as already the project is behind schedule and over budget. The money could be much better spent on health care, daycare, transportation infrastructure, low cost rental housing, education etc.

Please reconsider your funding of the site C dam.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 4:41 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

You previously acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution and that this issue have never been addressed or resolved.

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 4:32 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Chow.MLA, George LASS:EX
Subject: Approval of the Site C dam

- Dear Premier Horgan,
- During the election campaign, you criticized the building of the Site C dam, even going so far as to carry a placard saying "SITE C SUCKS." Although I had decided not to vote NDP again after our experience with Glen Clark, I changed my mind because I was, once more, stupid enough to believe a politician. Like many other voters, I was convinced that you would end Liberal follies and irresponsible spending. I thought you would protect the environment and respect First Nations' rights. You acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate Treaty 8 rights and section 35 of the Constitution! Regardless, your decision to ignore the BCUC report on Site C and to surrender to pressure from unions and party insiders verified that it's business as usual with the NDP. It didn't take long for you to turn. Your government is the same as the previous Liberal one, except that you represent slightly different special interests. Most politicians pose as principled persons during election campaigns and then expose their lack of leadership while in office; you are certainly no exception.
- Your claim that a short-term cost saving could ever justify the violation of indigenous rights is outrageous and reveals the meagre value you attach to indigenous lives. Although there is no shortage of employment in the province, you have chosen to continue Site C jobs at the expense of First Nations' homes, heritage, culture, and traditional way of life. You didn't want to disappoint Site C workers who had settled in the area, so instead, you have decided to sacrifice the homes of indigenous people and farmers; invite the condemnation of Amnesty International; destroy the best remaining farmland in the province; drive endangered bullhead trout into extinction; drown or otherwise kill ungulates, predators and migrating birds that rely on the Peace Valley; demolish the wildlife corridor that runs north from American reserves; endanger the Wood Buffalo National Park in Alberta; push British Columbia into enormous debt and lower its credit rating; create 100% surplus energy with nowhere to sell it; and make BC residents and businesses pay for it well into the future. You decided on those ruinous measures, despite confirmation by the BC Utilities Commission that we have less destructive alternatives that may be cheaper in the long run, despite Site C cancelation costs. Do you really have any idea of the damage you are causing?
- It isn't good enough for you to apologize to the Peace Valley indigenous people for turning them out of their homes and wrecking their lives. It isn't enough to promise them that your government will somehow make up for the racism, cruelty and displacement of the past--I believe you used the term "previous governments" to refer to such injustices, but I remind you that now it is *your* government and *your* decisions that are causing injustice. Show some respect to indigenous people by being honest about your own contribution to their cultural genocide.
- I am in good company in calling for your government to keep its promise to respect indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, not just in some places, but everywhere in BC, including in the Peace Valley. Considering the damage you have brought to your reputation through your broken promises and flouting of the law, I urge you at least to ensure that no further construction takes place while the issue of Treaty rights obligations remains unresolved.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 4:05 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Jagmeet@ndp.ca; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; elizabeth.may@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Site C Dam Approval is WRONG for BC.

Dear Mr Horgan and Mr Singh,

How was I so wrong? **I thought that I had voted out Christie Clarke and the Site C Dam????!!!!**

Your approval of the Site C Dam is perhaps the biggest mistake of your career as your credibility is now completely gone (that was quick!).

I will never again vote NDP provincially or federally, nor donate to your party again. (Thought I'd let you know too, Mr Singh- since you're just starting out and still hopeful).

I am ashamed of your actions Mr Horgan and by saying that cancelling the project would mean BC would get nothing out of it except an expense isn't true. We would have had a sane leader of the province for a change.

Somehow - you forgot so quickly forgot that **we voted you in to get rid of Christie Clarke** and her expensive, ridiculous, un-environmentally-friendly, pretend 'make work' projects.

I hope that one day soon the Greens put on their 'big boy pants' and have the courage to topple you or make you change your decision.

At least with Christie Clarke at the helm, BC residents knew what they had to deal with politically - a self-serving blow-hard and mouthpiece for big business - not someone who was making BC better and a better place in which to live.

Don't even start about BC Hydro now going to be cheaper for BC residents - why don't you read some of the wonderful ideas BC Hydro has despite scientifically being disproven:

<https://www.desmog.ca/2016/04/04/bc-hydro-s-bizarre-multi-million-dollar-boondoggle-save-fish-site-c-dam>

This also is appalling when our water is a commodity and now up for international grabs:

<https://watershedsentinel.ca/articles/site-c-nawapa/>

Sorry Mr Horgen, our voting relationship has so suddenly been cut short. I was actually hoping/believing that you were made of better stuff.

Yours Honestly,

s.22

PS - If you are going to send me a statement saying what a good idea Site C is - don't bother. You can save this tax-payer and others the cost.

PPS - Greens- if you are actually reading this - put on your 'big boy pants' and fight for what is environmentally right for BC - even if you have to fall. You could at least get up with your dignity.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:49 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX; g.heyman@leg.bc.ca
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier Horgan,

During the election and immediately after, you promised a fair review of the Site C project in order to make an informed decision as to its viability. This is not what happened. The various interest groups have succeeded in blinding you to the fact that Site C is a boondoggle. It is wrong. The BCUC provided evidence that you paid no attention to.

But politically? Do you really think that the ecstatic Liberals will experience epiphanies and now vote NDP? Hardly likely! But I know for sure that we and many loyal NDP voters will also likely NOT vote for a party which appears to have lost its integrity.

We were lost in a wilderness from 2001 to 2017. We hoped and hoped that we would achieve a leader who actually cared about us. We were hopeful that the government, your government, would take a stand for the country - not special interest groups. We were hopeful that your government would bring a vision to make British Columbia a very special place in the best country in the world. A place where everyone has a decent place to live, can go to school, has enough to eat and a place to work.

We need a leader that builds industry, not one project. Wind and solar power, even nuclear fusion, would create new industries and opportunities for people. Finland, a country with a fraction of Canada and BC's resources, has a standard of living far in advance of ours. The Netherlands is growing food for a population far in excess of its own. Germany has invested in geo-thermal to heat its homes. It is now a world leader in this technology.

Sadly, Mr. Premier, you missed an opportunity to do something great for BC and for us.

Yours truly,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:47 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C decision
Attachments: BC NDP Revised.docx

From s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Site C decision

I really am at a loss for words over this decision and the ongoing ramifications that are never mentioned or alluded to

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From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:46 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C dam

s.22
From:
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:11 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John ; Elmore, Mable ; Don Davies
Subject: Site C dam

12 December 2017

Hon. John Horgan
Premier of British Columbia

Hon. Janet Routledge
MLA-Burnaby North

Dear Mr. Horgan, Dear Ms. Routledge,

I am s.22 a resident of s.22 and have been a longtime member/supporter of NDP. s.22
s.22 I strongly believe that political engagement is one of the best ways for ordinary people like me to make substantial change to our community and beyond. It allows us, the people, to make sure the government is fulfilling its role.

Today, I add my voice to the voices and public outcry of British Columbians in dismay with your appalling decision to continue the project of Site C dam. **We voted for NDP, NOT the Site C dam!**

Furthermore, **YOU betrayed your people** with the hopes and promise of a better BC on the following grounds:

- Site C would be an economic and environmental disaster, and despite proof that the dam will threaten Indigenous rights, critical wildlife habitat, and tens of thousands of acres of arable farmland.
- You ignored the BC Utilities Commission's scathing report on the project which says it makes absolutely zero economic sense and **will cost taxpayers billions, and leave BC in debt for years to come!**
- Site C's hydroelectric dam would be over 60 metres high and would flood a 100-kilometre stretch of river valley, **destroying 13,000 hectares of prime agricultural land that could feed one million people a year.**
- It would also destroy traditional Indigenous cultural sites and hunting and fishing grounds, damaging movement towards reconciliation in the province. **The United Nations has condemned the project for violating Indigenous rights and has called on BC to halt the project.**

No amount of energy is worth the destructive cost of Site C!

Sincerely,
s.22

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:39 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: site c decision

Premier Horgan: It has been a couple of days since your announced decision on site c and I still cannot get over my disappointment over this. I have voted NDP both federally and provincially for over 50 years and rarely have I seen my choice of government in power and that may have something to do with my disappointment. I was not pleased with your still collecting union and business contributions after being elected as it seemed to go against the spirit of your election promises but wrote this off as not being the end of the world and you would eventually do the right thing. Your decision on site c, hard as it was, looks to me like old school politics where dollars and jobs jobs jobs is the only battle cry. A 1950's style mega project is not going to help us deal with climate change and the associated problems just around the corner. The waste of farmland, the increase in greenhouse gasses from the flooded and rotting vegetation, and the opportunity to invest in solar and wind energy has been wasted. It is too late in the game to be dithering around with worrying about money already spent and a few thousand jobs. In the bigger picture if we don't deal with climate change seriously a few jobs now or the few billions already spend will seem like nothing. This is the time to look at every decision we make and ask ourselves is this the best decision for our children and grandchildren's future. We won't get another chance at this. I have never written to a politician before and I am probably only doing it to make me feel a bit better. Nothing will change. I consider your site c decision wrong and backward thinking and even though I have been most in agreement with an NDP position on social issues and the economy I feel this is no longer enough. If we don't make the truly hard decisions and risk upsetting some groups we won't have a future worth living. Even though I disagree on some of the Green platform I think they are the only ones that will make the truly hard decisions on the environment and therefore the only party I have to choose from. I find it ironic that the First Nations people that this land was stolen from may be our last hope to save it through the courts. I realize you did not start this project and never would have but I cannot support a party with no real vision of our future or our children and grandchildren's future. Goodbye, s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:29 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Mr. Horgan,

It's WAC Bennett all over again.

In the 1960's BC Hydro on Bennett's watch created a mass murder of First Nations on their land. Hydro apologized recently, but obviously didn't mean a word of it since now it's happening again. WHAT?

Nothing has changed but the names and the faces.

Shame on you Mr. Horgan.

I thought you'd be a breath of fresh air for our province...I was totally WRONG.

It seems to me you are only interested in your own profits and not the welfare of your citizens whom you claim to represent such as the First Nations people and farmers who will be directly affected in this area.

Their destruction is imminent and you had a chance to stop this.

So, how about letting these people know beforehand when the flood hits, until they are killed by the hi-rising waters like last time.

Again, SHAME on you.

Unless something drastic happens to change your mind and come to your senses, I will continue to be sorry I voted for you and your pathetic party.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:15 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Response to Site C

I believe Robert McCullough has a response to your "accounting" rationale for building the Site C Boondoggle. In case you missed it, it is pasted below. I am really hoping that you call a meeting with him immediately to clear this up and, if he is correct, IMMEDIATELY reverse your decision.

ROBERT F. MCCULLOUGH, JR. PRINCIPAL

Date: December 11, 2017

To: Ken Boon, Rob Botterell

From: Robert McCullough

Subject: Comments on the Materials from Mr. Eby

Mr. Eby stated that "that if we abandoned the Site C project, we would incur an immediate \$3-4bn public charge on either hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers." It is unfortunate that Mr. Eby received incorrect information, but Mr. Eby's best path would have been to check with the BCUC for guidance on standard regulatory practice.

I gather that Mr. Eby was unaware that the BCUC calculations had set amortization periods for the sunk costs and the reclamation expenses. The analysis assumed a seventy-year amortization period for the sunk costs of \$2.1 billion. They also assumed a thirty-year amortization period for the reclamation costs. In passing, their estimate of the reclamation costs was quite a bit higher than the evidence. Both BC Hydro and Deloitte forecasted costs in the \$1 to \$1.2 billion range.

Regulatory practice puts the amortization of prudently undertaken utility investments as an issue in the purview of the regulatory commission. An Order in Council can direct the BCUC to choose different amortization periods, but this would simply be an exercise in self-inflicted pain.

If an asset is recognized by regulators as an earning asset, the usual policy would be to write it down on the same schedule as that set by the regulatory commission. Again, the Cabinet can choose to accelerate the depreciation of an earning asset, but this would be a second way to cause their constituents injury.

It appears from Mr. Eby's letter that he believes that the financing of the \$2.1 billion sunk costs has been held in abeyance. This is a curious belief. British Columbia has a continuous financing program designed to balance cash requirements and cash inflows. These needs drive the province's issuance of bonds. The province has already spent the \$2.1 billion dollars and the cash has been disbursed. The cash is found through taxes and the sale of bonds. For a long-term capital asset like Site C, the province would normally issue thirty-year bonds which, indeed, is what the province has done.

Mr. Eby has also raised a concern that Moody's (the only bond rating firm that has expressed concerns about BC Hydro's unusual finances) would react negatively to the re-recovery of the \$2.1 billion. Regulatory recovery of the costs of termination is a very common practice in the utility business and is addressed in every utility's annual report. However, the proposed solution is to propose spending \$8 billion more on an asset that could be replaced for only \$4 billion. This,

indeed, may concern the bond raters and has been a factor in the downrating of the two provinces - Manitoba and Newfoundland - who have followed the proposed path.

As I concluded recently:

BC's triple A rating was just confirmed and will not be downgraded by cancelling Site C. BC is already financing the \$2.1 billion in sunk costs with 30-year bonds at a cost of \$ 57 million per year, not \$300-400 million per year. Even if the inflated \$1.8 billion in termi-nation costs are added, cancelling Site C will save ratepayers at least \$266 million/year or \$123/household in 2024.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:13 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear Premier Horgan - thank you for going ahead with the Site C Dam. It is the right thing to do.
Keep up the good work.

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:11 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Good afternoon,

As a resident of the Peace Region in Alberta, I am VERY disappointed by your decision to continue with the ludicrous project of the Site C Dam, which does not benefit British Columbians nor Canadians whatsoever. It does not make economic sense, even if that justified the environmental degradation, so there is really no reason to do it.

To continue without properly addressing Aboriginal rights is yet another folly - I expect it will only be a matter of time before the Courts grant an injunction, as they have had to do time and again, to stop the government from proceeding with industrial projects without proper consultation. The extreme waste of taxpayers' dollars when the government litigates cases which it is destined to lose is ridiculous and heartbreaking, especially since it is the government that is failing to follow its own consultation processes.

I hoped for better.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:06 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C dam decision
Attachments: BC NDP Revised.docx

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:55 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear Premier Hogan,

I would like to add my voice in support of not allowing this damn to be built. From the information that I have, which admittedly might not be complete, it appears that it will be destructive to the land, the rights and properties of the indigenous people, and is not even necessary considering the alternatives.

Please choose in favour of the land and it's people.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:49 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C

Hello Sir,

with this I would like to express my huge disappointment with your decision for the Site C project. My husband and I voted for you not only because you promised to look into this but because you gave the impression that you would even stop the project. We thought you ment this Everybody knew that that would cost money as the project had already started, so to tell the people now that that is the reason blows my mind.

You now violate the indigenous rights, you did not listen to the BC utilities commission...

The fact that Andrew Weaver said that he would not risk your alliance for this ,is also not understandable , if this is not a reason WHAT could be a reason.

I do not think that you both realize the consequences of this action, but I am afraid that this is it ,so many of my connections who give money to both of your parties ended this on Mondey

all the best

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:41 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C dam.

s.22

13 December, 2017.

Dear Premier Horgan,

I was appalled when I heard that the Site C dam project is going to go ahead. Of course 4 billion dollars is a lot of money and I am sure that many BC residents want to see a profitable outcome from the money already spent on the project but no short-term cost savings can justify the violation of Indigenous rights.

When your government was elected it promised to respect Indigenous rights and do all it could to promote reconciliation everywhere in the province and that obviously includes the Peace River Valley. Before you became Premier you stated that flooding the valley would violate the rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution. So how can the Site C dam project be justified?

Besides, the independent review done by the BC Utilities Commission reported that there are alternatives which are less destructive and which might in the end be cheaper.

At a minimum I implore you to ensure that until the Treaty 8 issue is resolved, no more harm is done to the Peace River Valley and its peoples.

I look forward to hearing that you are taking action on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

s.22

Cc: Dr. Andrew Weaver, Leader of the Green Party of BC.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:39 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Nothing?

Excuse me but after yesterday's outrageous announcement, you have nothing to say?
Are you all too busy spinning the facts?
I hope you realize how many followers you have lost.
Disgraceful.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:26 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

John Horgan you promised but failed, just like every other lying politician. I can't believe your comments on not being the first person to hurt First Nations. YOU SICKO!!! Jack Layton would be ashamed of you!

I have been a NDP supporter my whole voting life and let me tell you, you have made my decision to stop that support immediately. You really failed the people John. I wish you instant and ongoing karma payment.

Goodbye NDP! What have you got to say about yourself? The people are saying you lost your balls!

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:20 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier John Horgan,

I am writing to express my disagreement with your decision that Site C construction must go ahead because it is too expensive to stop construction. That argument is debatable based on the independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission. It is also unacceptable in the face of the violation of Indigenous rights that the project poses. Please respect Indigenous rights and work towards reconciliation.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:18 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: pleas halt development on Site C

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am a s.22 in Quebec. I was surprised and disappointed to hear your announcement that construction will continue on the Site C dam in Peace River Valley. It seemed particularly outrageous that you claimed that the money already spent on the dam means justifies continuing with a project that will cause such important environmental, social, and yes, financial costs in the long-term (as shown by a recent independent review by the BC Utilities Commission). Frankly, the decision shows poor faith: to proceed to an irreversibly damaging step while the project seems likely to be declared illegal in the courts makes a mockery of our judicial system.

I therefore urge you in the strongest possible terms to halt development on the Site C dam while the issue of Treaty rights obligations remains unresolved.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message.

Yours sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:08 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Your decision regarding energy development is like a cartoon of government and energy industry workers
"WALKING BACKWARDS BLINDFOLDED"

Please take a good look at what you are afraid of regarding a renewable future.

Respectfully

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:02 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C disappointment

Premier Horgan,

I voted for you because you said you were against site c going forward. I will never vote for you again. There are so reparations in the world that can make up the loss of the Peace River Valley. You are dreaming of you think there are.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:01 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Site C-Redirected to this email address

I have watched your excuse for approving the Site C dam. The following is my response.

BC liberals chose to start Site C irresponsibly. You and your government are choosing to continue with an illegal fatally flawed dam. I am extremely disappointed and angered. I am a peaceful caring individual, however this fight is not over.

I would love to see the 10 billion used for these schools and hospitals you speak of. s.22

s.22

This was not a difficult decision, this was easy and you chose to make it difficult. Science and facts point to the glaringly obvious choice, murky politics have somehow made a different choice. Decisions made based on poorly advised money spending.

My hydro rates will sky rocket for an unnecessary dam. The wildlife will suffer.(shipping fish around the dam, come on!) Think of the amount of food that could grow in the Peace River valley. Local organic food for our province; that is what we need. Longer more permanent jobs in more efficient renewable resources, not an out dated dam with an expiration date, providing energy we do not need. Acknowledgment of Treaty 8.

I was excited for the Green-NDP alliance. I am disappointed to see the first decision made by this government shows no change from the Liberals. Do not blame the Site C dam on the liberals. You are continuing this. You are to blame.

Thank you for reading,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:59 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: regarding site c

Mr Premier, It is very unfortunate that you have decided to ignore the recent independent review by the BC Utilities Commissions which found that - despite the money already spent on Site C - there are still affordable, less destructive alternatives. s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 9:43 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C dam decision

Mr. Horgan,

I think that you will come to regret the decision you made to go ahead with Site C. You have chosen short term gain which will lead to long term pain for the Province. Many people are bitterly disillusioned, and will find it hard to trust what you profess on any subject going forward. If you are a man of courage, listen to the voice of the electorate, admit you have made an error of judgement and reverse your decision.

I will be s.2 next year, but I hope s.22 vehemently oppose what you have decided.

I hope this reaches your desk

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 8:39 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bowinn.Ma@leg.bc.ca; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: On Politics and the Environment | Ecological Rants

https://www.zoology.ubc.ca/~krebs/ecological_rants/on-politics-and-the-environment/

Dear Mr Horgan, maybe if you had this information prior to your disastrous decision on Site C you would have never made it. I am shocked that you ruled out all the important issues that had direct bearing on the validity of continuing the dam.

Please reverse your decision or are you waiting for us to correct your mistake. I understand you were under pressure from the LNG people and the fracking issue but rest assured they will stop as well.

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From:
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 8:13 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX
Subject: Site C dam

Dear Premier John Horgan,

Oh gosh. Please rethink going ahead with the Site C dam. I'm so deeply disappointed in the party I voted for for not protecting our environment, for not aligning itself with the rights of First Nations people, and for putting aside Canada's mandate to ensure a clean environment for future generations. Our money needs to go into alternative, clean and non destructive forms of energy. I feel silly for stating the obvious but obviously, our government still doesn't get it.

We don't need this dam. We are already meeting our energy demands by conservation. I do my utmost best in this regard, and it's high time our government does the same. Shame on you for continuing to uphold the status quo. We have a planet to save and this is no small matter.

This is the single most pressing problem our country and world faces. Please give this all the care and attention it deserves. Please make it the number one priority by asking yourself if your decisions will make our world a better place, to save it really, or will you contribute to its destruction.

I have been voting NDP for as long as I have been voting. I'm about to give up on you.

Please do the right thing and not waste more billions of dollars where it can be better spent to solving our energy problems in a responsible and ethical way.

Respectfully,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 7:46 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Merry Christmas

Hello John. I was very impressed with your interview with Michael Smyth as reported in the Province to-day, Sunday, January 17. First of all please convey my best wishes to your brother Pat. It is extremely difficult time for him and your family. Second, I think your decision about giving Site C the go ahead is the right one. You did the right thing that is in the best interest of British Columbia. Finally, I like your optimism. I am very impressed the way you put it: "I get up very morning like the Energizer bunny. I am whistling and humming and I'm just engaged. " These are very encouraging and inspiring words for all of us. Keep it up!

My family and I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a very exciting and productive New Year . s.22
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Ken Boon <pvla@xplornet.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 6:53 PM
To: Ken Boon
Subject: Site C Related Media

However, a few moments later, while talking easily and superiorly about UNDRIP and reconciliation, he said this, and I quote: "I am not the first person to stand before you and disappoint indigenous people."

To toss that off as a way of justifying this decision is a cynical and abusive dismissal of Indigenous people.

<https://www.saanichnews.com/opinion/letter-site-c-decision-ignores-indigenous-rights/>

We speak with Grand Chief Stewart Phillip and with Galen Armstrong, Peace River Campaigner with the Sierra Club BC.

<https://player.fm/series/redeye-1409650/indigenous-leader-calls-ndp-case-for-site-c-completion-absolutely-bogus>

Even accepting the \$4-billion figure, that means the NDP government has committed to spending an additional \$6.7 billion on the Site C dam.

Throw in a \$200-million cost overrun and Horgan's cabinet has decided to spend as much new money on the Site C dam as the provincial cost of addressing the housing crisis over the next decade, according to the B.C. Rental Housing Coalition report.

<https://www.straight.com/news/1008881/guns-and-butter-can-ndp-government-afford-site-c-dam-and-make-housing-more-affordable>

Luke Wallace: "Peace Valley Forever"

<https://www.facebook.com/lukewallacemusic/videos/1666923536664043/>

McLeod Lake Indian Band Chief interview starts at 38 minutes

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/programs/radiowest/4-5-00-p-m-1.4450723?autoplay=true>

Please help relieve the weight of these circumstances at this difficult time by [making a donation](#) and adding your message to the Grinch in the 'message' section on the donation page. The messages will be collected until Dec 25th and sent to the BC NDP.

<http://mailchi.mp/fe42295a3933/fixing-the-typo-in-our-last-email-to-you?e=01a300a737>

Here in front of MLA David Eby's office two days this week expressing opposition to Site C.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5491717354/permalink/10158829429592355/?pnref=story>

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 5:18 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier Horgan,

We are quick to criticize our governments when they tax too much, spend too much, waste too much and feather their nests with salaries, benefits and gold plated pension plans. Or when they don't help us change the world to our version of utopia or accede to our demands for a share of the wealth we didn't help create. But, rarely do we congratulate our governments when they do something to improve the economy, the standard of living and well being of current and future British Columbians. I wish to do that.

I congratulate you and Minister Mungall on behalf of myself and the "silent" majority of British Columbians on your courageous and prudent decision to allow the Site C Dam project to continue towards completion.

Your base may make choices with emotion and may be easily persuaded by leaders of environmental and social movements who have motives of their own. The vast majority of citizens, whose livelihood depends on their choices, usually take a cold hard look at alternative using all available facts and figures before making a decision. There is a huge difference between those facing the risks of owning a business or depending on a private sector salary and those collecting a government paycheck. Doing the right thing may cost you some votes and that would be a shame.

Looking to the future. I strongly urge you to become fully knowledgeable about the Western world's monetary system which we live under. Once you become aware of how our banking system works, you may have some sleepless nights. You will become aware that borrowing costs for the Site C project would have been virtually \$0.00 had the project been implemented before 1974. Future infrastructure projects such as low cost housing, public transportation projects, bridges, ferries, new health care and education facilities could be funded with virtually no borrowing costs with a public bank. I look forward to a new crown corporation called the Bank of British Columbia.

With regards,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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

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

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 4:08 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: site c

Dear Premier Horgan

If you read nothing else about the terrible decision your government has made on Site C, please please do read this article. There are those that say that the NDP will never recover from this decision. I personally know of many long time NDP voters and members who have called to cancel their membership. We will not want to vote for the Liberals but this issue is such a blow to our belief in you that I may never vote again. Is it true that the eradication of polls on the Vancouver bridges will cost the province 4 billion? If so, your decisions on both of these matters are just plain stupid.

sincerely,
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NDP Government's Site C Math a Flunk, Say Project Financing Experts
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Krog.MLA, Leonard LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C dam decision

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To: Leonard Krog, MLA Nanaimo

CC: BC Premier John Horgan, BC Green Party leader Andrew Weaver

Dear Mr. Krog,

I am writing to express my disappointment about your government's recent decision to approve the completion of the Site C dam.

I believe the energy provided by this project could be better generated by smaller, more sustainable run-of-river and geothermal installations. I also believe the downsides associated with Site C are considerable, including damage to sensitive habitat and cost overruns leading to hydro increases for generations. Finally, I think the project tramples on the land rights of First Nations peoples.

The Site C decision was an opportunity for the BC New Democrats and their Green Party allies to show courage and vision on a difficult issue. I hope it is not too late for your government to reconsider its position.

Sincerely,

s.22

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 3:34 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Hi,
I wish to protest and ask you to repeal your decision to continue building site c dam.

It is a bad decision for BC financially and environmentally.

We will not need the power in the future !

I dont want to throw good money after bad either.

Consider the money spent as sunken costs and spread it out over the next 50 years; this is common practice in the utility industry.

Please cancel this decision.

Also, I have been a member of the NDP since Dave Barrett and voted in every election for this party.

Thanks

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 3:02 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; info@greenparty.bc.ca; andrew_weaver@bcgreens.ca
Cc: letters@timescolonist.com; s.22
Subject: Site C decision

Premier Horgan's recent decision to pursue the building of Site C is a real slap in the face for those of us who voted NDP. This is a short sighted decision which ignores not only Site C's social, economic and environmental impact, but also the final report of the BC Utilities Commission.

I would be prepared to vote Green if the NDP government were to be defeated anytime over any issue. Mr. Weaver - are you listening?

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Cc: elizabeth.may@parl.gc.ca; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX
Subject: Site C Dam Construction

Attn: Michelle Mungall Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
Ref.: 103182

Sorry your government's carrot sticks to B.C. Hydro ratepayers does not do the trick at mollifying the damage done by your government's decisions on this matter.

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Marc Eilesen's Comment Former B.C. Hydro CEO (KEEPINGTHEPEACE.WORDPRESS.COM)

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 1:21 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C dam

Dear Premier,

As a long time NDP supporter my disappointment in your agreement to continue with the site C dam is absolute. You say that we will lose too much money if we don't go forward, but we will lose more money by building this dam. The cost is not worth the destruction of more land and the rights of indigenous people too. The Liberals are to blame for this expensive and unnecessary fiasco but you will carry the burden of costing the people of BC for future generations.

Yours,
s.22

Sent from my iPad

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 10:56 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Hi John,

Here is a link for you to review:

<https://www.facebook.com/bill.horne.940/posts/10155160514262606>

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Sent from my iPhone

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 10:44 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; chris.oriley@bchydro.com; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX; hanman@coxtaylor.ca; editor@ahnfsj.ca; Rob Botterell; Ken Boon; PVEA COORDINATOR
Subject: Open Letter to the Premier of British Columbia

Greetings:

This is an open letter to John Horgan, the Premier of British Columbia.

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In light of all of the information regarding the economics of the project that is now public because of the BCUC Site C Inquiry it is known that the project that is being pushed forward is not in the best interest of all British Columbians. Expropriation is in place for projects that are for the public good. Site C in now know to not be economically for the public good rather it will leave the B.C. Hydro ratepayer with an impossible debt.

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In light of the economics, I hereby state that the government now knows that this expropriation is in fact breaking the Expropriation Laws as expropriation is only in place "for the best interest of the public."

In light of the economics, it is now known that these lands are better for the public to be returned to the lawful owner and returned to agriculture use.

If these two request are denied, all of British Columbia should be in an outrage as this means that the BC Government will expropriate any private property for any reason (theft), not just for the good of the public. This is not supposed to happen in a democratic country such as Beautiful Canada.

Please forward this to any person or authority that has jurisdiction over BC Expropriation.

Please respond immediately to this urgent request. The BC Government should not be allowed to expropriate for political party reasons – If they do we no longer have a democracy.

Thanks

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 10:41 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Why I agree with Site C

Had to lie to get you to open this, John. Sorry.

I oppose Site C as does anyone who has correctly interpreted the facts we have.

These emails won't stop until you release all the facts that led to this questionable and highly suspect decision which goes against all logic.

Take the high road and the easy way out, release the information and PUT IT TO A REFERENDUM, let the people decide, or else your reputation will be ruined forever.

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Sent from my iPad

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 10:12 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

You m a n g l e d the decision. What a disgrace! You just got sucked in to go along with an enormous faux pas to start with. GUTLESS. It will turn out not even as short term gain v/s long term loss, IT IS SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM LOSS.

First ever NDP vote for me, and certainly the last. No surprise if Weaver shakes his head and goes his own way.

Reverse this totally blind decision and look forward to real support and understanding not least of all, during your “legacy period” which you will have earned.

Yours sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 10:04 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Mr. Horgan, your math is wrong on Site C

Mr. Horgan,

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

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I think the NDP bowed to political pressures from those who use the old mantra “jobs jobs jobs” to justify doing things that just aren’t right. Those jobs won’t be there after the dam is built anyway.

You say you want to save us money, but in the long run it will be our grandchildren who end up paying the price. There will also be a big price to pay when food no longer comes to us so cheaply and easily from places like California, and all the wonderful farmland in the Peace River Valley is underwater. There are estimates that that land could feed 2 million people if necessary in the future. But it will no longer be there to do that. The BCUC says Site C is already over budget and I’d bet my bottom dollar it is going to cost a lot more than anticipated by the time it is finished.

It’s time to start thinking about future generations instead of just the current political cycle. I’m calling on the government to reverse this decision immediately.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 9:32 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Liar

Well meathead when are you going to tell the public how much money Hydro dumped into your pockets . You lying dickhead.... s.22

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 6:58 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Importance: High

Dear Premier:

I am very upset about the claim that a small, short-term cost saving could ever justify the violation of Indigenous rights! You cannot but be aware that the independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission confirmed that there are less destructive alternatives which, despite the money already spent, may still be cheaper in the long run.

When you were campaigning you promised to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, not just in some places, but everywhere in BC including the Peace River Valley. **What has happened to that promise – that was heard right across the country??** I certainly heard about it in Ottawa!

You yourself acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution and that this issue has never been addressed or resolved.

Please reconsider your decision of going ahead with the Dam – or at least ensure that no further harm is done while the issue of Treaty rights obligations remains unresolved.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 6:07 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Peace River Valley

Dear Premier,

you are wrong to ignore the human rights of Indigenous peoples in the Peace River Valley!

I am outraged over the claim that a small, short-term cost saving could justify the violation of Indigenous rights. An independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission confirmed that there are less destructive alternatives that, despite the money already spent, may still be cheaper in the long run. Therefore I am calling for the Canadian government to keep its promise to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, not just in some places, but everywhere in BC including the Peace River Valley. You have previously acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution and that this issue has never been addressed or resolved. Please ensure that no further harm is done while the issue of Treaty rights obligations remains unresolved.

With kind regards

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 11:55 PM
To: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX
Subject: Re: Site C Decision

Minister Mungall

Thanks for sending a response. I'm fairly certain it is a stock response, rather than that you actually took the time to read and respond to my input.

Nevertheless, I really want to emphasize this: One of the chief reasons I breathed a huge sigh of relief when the NDP and Green Party collaborated to replace the BC Liberals, was that I believed you would take the morally and economically wise decision of halting the Site C Dam.

Everyone in BC knows that we were not past the point of no return on this project. The costs of reversing the established damage would provide jobs, and feed taxes back to the economy, just as will advancing this ill-considered project. The costs you cite are a false propaganda. I am astonished and enormously disappointed in your government.

All the information below, about how you'll make better decisions in the future, and were stuck with this project because of the Liberals' decision-making is just an effort to justify an immoral action, taken to advance partisan interests. You had many vastly superior alternatives and chose not to pursue them, favouring more billions of citizens' taxes being poured into this "project that should never have been started". Outrageous.

You had a choice and you had the evidence, and you have chosen to override the evidence, and you and your government will wear this enormous costly mistake. Don't pretend Christy Clark will wear this. You will wear this. You are an enabler of this destructive BCLP megaproject. Every home and life lost and economic debacle and court case will be on you. You are also stifling innovation, growth, and potential BC leadership in the renewable energy industry of this century, to the tune of a gigantic opportunity cost.

If I lived in the Peace River region, and knew that you were choosing to flood my homelands, when you have vastly better options, I would be completely enraged. To the impacted First Nations who oppose the flooding of their lands, this must feel like yet another violent and extinguishing act of a colonialist government. You will have no credibility on this front for the remainder of your term.

It is critical for you to learn how to consider evidence impartially, rather than selectively citing evidence which justifies your preconceived biased partisan wishes. We need evidence-based decision-making, not decision-based evidence-making. Minister Andrew Weaver is a scientist--better yet, a climate scientist, in an era when our most enormous challenges and threats relate to climate change--and understands the concepts of evidence and bias. You would do well to actually listen very closely and respectfully to what he has to say on all environmental matters, and to tune out the "evidence" of those with vested economic or business interests. Governments weighing short term gain above environmental protection and sustainability have conspired to bring the world to a place of enormous peril and destruction, with ever-increasing economic and social disparities in our human world, and expanding and accelerating extinctions and loss of biodiversity in our natural world. Your government has now joined this legacy of selling out the next generations and other species for populist and partisan purposes. You had a chance to distinguish yourselves and make an enlightened choice and you turned away from it, same as all your so-called opponents.

You cannot compensate for this tragic and immoral decision with small projects and pretend consultations in future. I only hope your future actions will not be as foolhardy, your justifications not as patently disingenuous and self-serving.

Sincerely,
s.22

On Dec 14, 2017, at 12:01 PM, Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX <EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Ref.: 103182

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with me about the future of the Site C dam. I appreciate the active participation from British Columbians on this issue and want to assure you that I listened and heard your concerns.

As you are most likely aware, we have made the difficult decision to proceed with Site C. The project should never have been started, but we cannot change the previous government's mistakes. To do anything but move forward would require British Columbians to take on \$4 billion in debt that would have to result in massive cuts to the services people count on us to deliver. After witnessing the legacy of BC Liberal cuts, I can't allow that to happen again. I understand that this may not have been the outcome you hoped for, and want to assure you that as this project continues, we will honour and respect the commitment demonstrated by those who oppose Site C and share in their determination to move British Columbia to a better future. Our Government will address many of the concerns we heard from British Columbians throughout the province with a number of conditions and initiatives including:

- A new Project Assurance Board that will provide independent oversight to future contract procurement and management, project deliverables, environmental integrity, and quality assurance – all within the mandate of delivering the project on time and budget. Based on current projections, BC Hydro has revised the budget to \$10.7 billion.
- Establishing new Community Benefits Programs mandated with ensuring that project benefits assist local communities, and increasing the number of apprentices and First Nations workers hired onto the project.
- Ensuring a Peace River Legacy Fund implements solutions to longer-term environmental, social and economic issues.
- A new BC Food Security Fund – based on Site C revenues – dedicated to supporting farming and enhancing agricultural innovation and productivity across British Columbia.
- Activating the \$20 million agricultural compensation fund to offset lost sales and stimulate long-term productivity enhancements in Peace Valley agriculture.

We recognize the significant impacts on Treaty 8 First Nations and that's why Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and I met directly with Treaty 8 Leaders in their territory. Our Government and BC Hydro will work in partnership with Treaty 8 First Nations on measures to address their concerns, including a re-design of the Highway 29 re-alignment to reduce impact on potential burial sites and sacred places, and the establishment of a Treaty 8 project advisory committee. Further, we will ask BC Hydro to consider the development of a new procurement stream for smaller scale renewable electricity projects where First Nations are proponents or partners.

Our Government remains fully committed to meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples - to working in partnership with all First Nations, and to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Once again, I want to thank you for your valuable perspective on this issue. I am committed to continuing a dialogue with all British Columbians as the project proceeds.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mungall

Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 8:04 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Adam Olsen; My Sea to Sky; Amara Possian - Leadnow.ca; dogwood@dogwoodbc.ca; XT:Hance, Ray Union of BC Indian Chiefs EAO:IN
Subject: Alberta blows past competition to claim cheapest wind energy rate

Just in case you are using the same old Christy Clark playbook of influence peddling, defective/flawed accounting practices, ignoring Indigenous Rights, and let's destroy as many waterways and agricultural land as possible, at any cost, this is what Alberta has achieved - **a 20-year average price of 3.7 cents per kilowatt-hour.**

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2017/12/14/news/alberta-blows-past-competition-claim-cheapest-wind-energy-rate>

Alberta's new green energy program has secured the lowest renewable electricity pricing in Canada, its provincial government declared Wednesday, in addition to bringing in roughly \$1 billion of private-sector investment and adding around 600 megawatts (MW) of wind power to the grid.

The results come as British Columbia says it can't afford to cancel the controversial hydroelectric Site C mega-project, and as the federal government pushes expanded liquefied natural gas trade with China.

The room inside Calgary's McDougall Centre broke out in applause when Alberta Premier Rachel Notley unveiled the results of the first round of her government's Renewable Electricity Program on Dec. 13.

The province has now locked down **a 20-year average price of 3.7 cents per kilowatt-hour** — less than half of Ontario's 2016 procurement that resulted in an average of 8.5 cents.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 7:44 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: The new democratic party,

Importance: High

Dear John,

While so much criticism is being uttered about your tough but painful site c decision, I feel moved to tell you what I tell myself; we are Members of the New Democratic Party and not the Green Party. As such we have wider social responsibilities like eliminating the persistence of poverty, and must, as you have done, make decisions which a Green member would not make.

You have done the right thing and deserve to enjoy your Christmas. Do that with a happy conscience.

With all best wishes,

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 7:37 PM
Subject: It is time that the NDP and the entire labour movement start respecting the human rights of Indigenous peoples

A day after B.C.'s ruling New Democrats and their allies in labour groups made statements to mark the UN's International Human Rights Day on December 10, the Indigenous peoples of the province were given a rude shock with the announcement of the provincial government's green light for the controversial Site C dam project.

It is time that the NDP and the entire labour movement start respecting the human rights of Indigenous peoples

<https://ricochet.media/en/2072/ndps-approval-of-site-c-will-do-irreparable-harm-to-the-partys-brand>

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 7:37 PM
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

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.

A former NDP supporter,

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From: Ken Boon <pvla@xplornet.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 6:40 PM
To: Ken Boon
Subject: Site C Related Media

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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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 5:52 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Repurpose Site C?

Dear Mr. Horgan,

I'm writing as a long-time supporter of the NDP. I realize how difficult it was for you, but I believe the decision you made regarding the Site C dam project was wrong, and I am deeply disappointed.

As global warming increases, northern farmland should be preserved, not flooded! Have your experts considered re-purposing the parts of the dam that have been built, possibly as a base for a wind farm or solar panels? Surely something could be salvaged instead of simply dismantling what has already been built.

Considering Mr. Weaver's initial approval of things such as Black's proposed oil refinery and the Site C dam project, it is difficult to find a party that truly cares about the environment.

Please reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Cc: Andrew Weaver; Olsen.MLA, Adam LASS:EX; Furstenau.MLA, Sonia LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Minister, AG AG: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: Re: Site C Decision

Minister Mungall,

I do not think there is anything you can say to defend the decision by the NDP to approve Site-C. Your decision appears to be based on a single narrow assessment and lens of money. As a consequence, you end up dismissing and devaluing, all the other really important reasons why a NO vote was justified.

The NDP once again voted to support the priorities of the Liberals when you could have changed history and our future in the long term and made a courageous and important statement to British Columbians and to the world: ... about the importance of the environment, agriculture, reconciliation, and, by demonstrating and trusting, that when there is a creative and committed will, there will be a way forward to keep all election promises.

A yes vote for Site-C should never have been something you could live with, no matter what the ministries and civil servants and other so called experts, who so long have served Liberal Party political thinking and interests, might have recommended.

Your decision is more than disappointing, it is huge tragedy. A tragedy we will have to witness and be reminded about with every inch of Site-C construction and with the moment by moment destruction of the very land and environment that we need to be cherishing and protecting. I am deeply ashamed of, and, dismayed by, your yes decision.

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On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 11:49 AM, Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX <EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Ref.: 103182

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with me about the future of the Site C dam. I appreciate the active participation from British Columbians on this issue and want to assure you that I listened and heard your concerns.

As you are most likely aware, we have made the difficult decision to proceed with Site C. The project should never have been started, but we cannot change the previous government's mistakes. To do anything but move forward would require British Columbians to take on \$4 billion in debt that would have to result in massive cuts to the services people count on us to deliver. After witnessing the legacy of BC Liberal cuts, I can't allow that to happen again.

I understand that this may not have been the outcome you hoped for, and want to assure you that as this project continues, we will honour and respect the commitment demonstrated by those who oppose Site C and share in their determination to move British Columbia to a better future.

Our Government will address many of the concerns we heard from British Columbians throughout the province with a number of conditions and initiatives including:

- A new Project Assurance Board that will provide independent oversight to future contract procurement and management, project deliverables, environmental integrity, and quality assurance – all within the mandate of delivering the project on time and budget. Based on current projections, BC Hydro has revised the budget to \$10.7 billion.
- Establishing new Community Benefits Programs mandated with ensuring that project benefits assist local communities, and increasing the number of apprentices and First Nations workers hired onto the project.
- Ensuring a Peace River Legacy Fund implements solutions to longer-term environmental, social and economic issues.
- A new BC Food Security Fund – based on Site C revenues – dedicated to supporting farming and enhancing agricultural innovation and productivity across British Columbia.
- Activating the \$20 million agricultural compensation fund to offset lost sales and stimulate long-term productivity enhancements in Peace Valley agriculture.

We recognize the significant impacts on Treaty 8 First Nations and that's why Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and I met directly with Treaty 8 Leaders in their territory. Our Government and BC Hydro will work in partnership with Treaty 8 First Nations on measures to address their concerns, including a re-design of the Highway 29 re-alignment to reduce impact on potential burial sites and sacred places, and the establishment of a Treaty 8 project advisory committee. Further, we will ask BC Hydro to consider the development of a new procurement stream for smaller scale renewable electricity projects where First Nations are proponents or partners.

Our Government remains fully committed to meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples - to working in partnership with all First Nations, and to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Once again, I want to thank you for your valuable perspective on this issue. I am committed to continuing a dialogue with all British Columbians as the project proceeds.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mungall

Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 4:23 PM
To: Mark.MLA, Melanie LASS:EX
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Melanie,

I wanted to address this to you directly s.22 and as a donor to your campaign.

I believe that if you vote with your caucus to continue with the construction of site C you will have failed in your duty to protect the interests of your constituents, to represent them, and to serve the public in general.

The justifications for moving forward with this project as explained by the premier, and ministers Mungall and Eby are problematic to say the least.

I point to you to several cogent criticism of the financial justifications for continuation that have been presented by the BC NDP over the last week such as the costs, debt load, manner of writing off the costs, the impact on the budget, impact on credit ratings and impacts on the capacity of the government to finance public infrastructure and services such as schools, hospitals, and bridges:

Robert McCullough:

<https://keepingthepeace.files.wordpress.com/2017/12/20171211-response-to-mla-ely-3-rm.pdf>

Andrew Nikiforuk:

<https://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2017/12/12/Pathology-Site-C/>

Marc Eliesen:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/op-ed/comment-site-c-continues-on-premier-s-faulty-arguments-1.23121222>

Harry Swain:

<http://commonsensecanadian.ca/swain-building-site-c-harm-bcs-credit-rating-cancelling-not/>

<http://commonsensecanadian.ca/no-rate-shock-cancelling-site-c-head-review-panel/>

Eion Finn, Rob Botterell, Marc Eliesen, Harry Swain:

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

Not to mention the BCUC use of a 30 year amortization period in their assessment of termination costs and effects on ratepayers.

I expect you and the government to respond to these critiques and to provide substantive evidence to support the government's rather incredible conclusions regarding the impacts and costs of cancellation and remediation.

I also encourage the government to request the assistance of the auditor general's office to evaluate the financial impacts and options related to cancellation and to continue its work investigating the financial management of the project.

Sinking another \$8 billion (which is likely to be much much more by the time the project is completed) requires a lot more evidence than the unsupported claims that have been made so far.

While I say this, I have no confidence that you can answer these questions or address these critiques adequately because I do not believe this decision was based on facts but rather on politics. I fear it is rooted in the worst cynicism though I have not discounted the possibility of well meaning, but egregious error.

My disappointment in you and in the BC NDP has caused me to fear for all the major files that will cross your paths during your tenure.

In light of this, I want you to know that if you vote in favour of continuing with site C when this comes before the legislature I shall not renew any monetary support towards you or your campaign. My vote will find a new home though I realize this is one of the safest BC NPD ridings in the province and that statement may not hold much sway because of that.

I do hold out some hope that integrity and its duty to the public will sway your caucus to reverse course, but, if not, I hope that you will make a principled decision and defy caucus on this matter.

Sincerely,

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On 2017-12-12 02:24, Mark.MLA, Melanie wrote:

> Thank you for your e-mail. This message is sent to assure you that your e-mail has been received by the Vancouver-Mount Pleasant Constituency Office.

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> Provincial Government issues. To find out which MLA represents your

> neighbourhood, you can enter your postal code here to get their

> contact information: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/learn-about-us/members>

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> Phoning our office is definitely the best way to get in touch with my staff and me. Please feel free to follow up on your email by calling us at 604-660-0707, particularly if your inquiry is time sensitive. If we are busy assisting other constituents, don't forget to leave a message!

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> issues please contact your local MP (in Vancouver-Mount Pleasant that
> will be Jenny Kwan at 604-775-5800 or Don Davies 604-775-6263);
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> -If you are writing about a child in danger, please immediately call
> the Child Help Line at 310-1234 (no area code required); -If you are in need of child and youth advocacy, please call
the Representative for Children and Youth at 1-800-476-3933.
>
> Thank you again for reaching out to my office, and for taking the time to read this message.
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> Best,
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From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 3:50 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX
Cc: Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX; ronna-rae.mla@leg.bc.ca; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: PREMIER....DID YOU NOT READ ALL OF THE ARTICLES BEFORE & AFTER YOUR APPALLING DECISION? A BC Without Site C Best Bet for Taxpayers | The Tyee

https://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2017/11/29/BC-Without-Site-C/?utm_source=weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=041217

Premier John Horgan

We just read the attached article which I'll leave you to read (carefully please), as well an article in the Georgia Straight that appears to tie some of this mess into a Trudeau-approved company that has a stake in the construction of the Site C dam. And it mentions how happy Premier Notley will be to get the power from Site C at a bargain price... subsidized by taxpayers in BC of course. That's only part of the damning information making the rounds right now. Premier Notley should actually be a bit distressed at how Site C is going to impact the northern Alberta wetlands, critical habitat for a good chunk of our migrating birds. Damage to their wetlands is a well known fact – but did it play a part in balancing the arguments for and against? And we're stressed thinking of that productive beautiful farmland going under water forever, not to mention your total disregard for indigenous rights and treaties, their archaeological sites and graveyards as the waters rise. We hope they are very successful in the court cases they intend to launch because of this decision.

And we aren't going to fault our MLA, or other MLA's because we're absolutely sure their voices weren't heard, but without a doubt they'll take the brunt of the fallout for your stunning, appalling, unbelievable decision to continue with Site C. And sad that Mr. Weaver continues to waffle in these critical situations. s.22 said it isn't too late for you to change your mind, to do the right thing. Who knows, maybe all of those NDP members who jumped ship may even come back!

Think about it.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
sarah.senton - srg@senton@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 3:15 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam and pragmatic governance

Dear Premier Horgan

I would like to congratulate you on your decision to continue construction of Site C. I voted Liberal in the last election (holding my nose) primarily because I wanted to see this project completed. Over the years, my main criticism of the NDP has been a tendency to espouse doctrine and "high ideals" over pragmatic reality. Cancellation of this project would, I believe, have been a disaster.

In my 75 years I have never supported the NDP, but I am beginning to think that your government may be one that I can support. I don't expect to agree with every position that you take, but if your decisions continue to be reached in a reasoned, pragmatic manner you will have my support.

Thank you,
Yours sincerely s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 3:12 PM
To: 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 of State for Trade; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; Minister of State for Trade; Minister, LBR LBR:EX; Minister, MH MH:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX; Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; Minister, TAC TAC:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier Horgan and Ministers

Apologies. an email glitch resulted in several addressees not receiving this letter originally sent on the 14th. Sorry for the repeat.

Dear Premier Horgan and Cabinet members,

I have been an BCNDP member for most of
my 80 years^{s.22}
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s.22, I have now
cancelled my membership and financial
contributions.

The reason is Site-C.

During the last election, BCNDP promised to stop Site-C to avoid major damage to the environment, agriculture, and undertakings to First Nations, provided only that the BC Utilities Commission determined Site-C power could be replaced with alternative energy sources at no higher cost. With the

usual caveats, the BCUC report confirmed that to be the case.

To everyone's surprise, however, your government held yet more consultations, and decided to complete Site-C for a *new* reason, namely, that the increased Government debt from cancellation would crowd out resources needed for promised social expenditures.

This is nonsense. To take the most egregious example, your government is keeping its promise to eliminate tolls on the Fraser bridges. This will have about the same "crowding out" effect as cancelling Site C. Worse, eliminating the bridge tolls will yield *zero* benefits to the economy, First Nations or employment, and will incur ***certain, significant and long-term environmental costs*** (more sprawl, less resources and incentive for public transport).

Paraphrasing Einstein, I would be insane to waste my remaining years working within the party and expect better future decisions. My past efforts are indeed "sunk." Your unprincipled Site-C decision, has, however, freed what time and resources remain to explore ways that may just help leave the world a better place.

With great sadness and regret,

Yours sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 2:51 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Reverse Course

Mr Horgan,

Please, please read the following story. If you take issue with any of the facts in this story, or if you can otherwise explain why anyone should believe your version of events versus these experts who are willing to speak out (unlike the NDP's 'experts' who cried that the sky was falling and then disappeared from view) I would like for you to share your explanation with me. Without such an explanation I have to assume you willfully lied to me and all British Columbians in order to appease your pals in the building trades unions, even though the majority of their members do not and will not vote for you.

After the BCUC came out with their report your government should have immediately tasked them with reporting on the best way to account for the debt without a completed project that would have been created if the project had been cancelled or suspended. That's part of their job. I've lost a great deal of respect for David Eby because of his claim that you had to cancel the project before you could make such a request. How ridiculous is that. The BCUC works for you! If you want a report on something utility related and how it will affect ratepayers all you have to do is ask them. Eby's claim is akin to saying the the BCUC could not report on the merits of Site C until it was built. Ridiculous.

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From: s.22
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To: Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Decision

Ms Mungall,

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Thank you again for writing. Please be assured that all email sent to my office is treated as confidential.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 2:24 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier Horgan:

I am disappointed with your decision to continue with the Site C project. I don't understand why the province should sink more money into this. If you were to stop it, I don't see it as a loss of the 4 billion dollars already spent; I see it as a saving of much more than that. We would not be trampling over the rights of Indigenous peoples; and, as the review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission confirmed, there are less destructive alternatives that may be cheaper in the long run.

It's not too late to stop this project.

Sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 2:21 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: I support cancelling Site C

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Sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 1:53 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bowinn.Ma@leg.bc.ca; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: David Eby's dilemma in the wake of Site C | Georgia Straight Vancouver's News & Entertainment Weekly

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

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 1:52 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bowinn.Ma@leg.bc.ca; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: John Horgan Approved Site C for LNG industry Proponents-Site C Power is Big LNG Bait....Site C power, paid for by BCers is...Freebie carrot power on offer to big LNG

<http://powellriverpersuader.blogspot.ca/2017/12/john-horgan-approved-site-c-in-hopes-he.html?showComment=1513190381577>

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 12:41 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: I support cancelling Site C

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 11:50 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Andrew Weaver; dcavers@kamloops.ca
Subject: Cutting through the Spin on the Site C Dam

<https://www.facebook.com/DesmogCanada/videos/946582382113989/>

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 11:43 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Richard.Cannings@ndp.ca; info@bcndp.ca
Subject: Site C decision

I am writing this letter today in response to your disappointing decision to allow Site C to proceed.

I campaigned door to door in s.22 for your party mainly on the premise that the NDP wouldn't cave into lobbyists, special interest groups and the Federal Liberals. We know now that you along with all the other political parties are just another wing of the same bird....or should I say vulture!
We will be paying for this white elephant for the next seventy years and likely selling the power to AB and the US at a loss! Not to mention the valuable loss of farmland, endangered species, homes, First Nations cultural sites ad infinitum ad nauseum!! Damn the torpedoes full speed ahead.

We know the real reason for this Dam isn't for projected BC Hydro power shortages but rather to supply water to the LNG fracking industry. Meanwhile the billions of dollars that could have been invested in alternatives and energy conservation measures will now be re-directed into this colossal failure of a mega project!! It will set this province back decades in terms of R&D regarding future development of alternative.

This is a sad day for those who expected courage and leadership from this new government....instead we received more of the same status quo mentality.

My disappointment is of such a magnitude that I can't even express it in words. You, sir have squandered the benefit of the doubt!!

Your actions have alienated many, many NDP supporters and left them out in the cold where corporate interests along with greed and profit rule the day!

Your explanation as to why you had "no choice" other than proceed with this ill conceived project was weak and not convincing enough for those of us who campaigned for your government to finally do the right things. For many it left us with an overwhelming sense of betrayal.

My voice is only one of many who've helped you and your minions achieve your tenuous position in office. I had hoped for a stronger NDP majority come next election, however this politically expeditious decision on your part may well have created a rift within your membership....and thats a reality you will need to overcome!

That is all I can say....my conscience is clear and I sleep well at night.

Regards,
s.22

Sent from my iPhone

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 11:39 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C must NOT go forward

Dear Premier Horgan,

I was outraged when I learned this week that, unbelievably, plans to build the Site C dam are going forward. This makes no sense, for the following reasons:

A) How could short-term cost savings EVER justify the violation of Indigenous rights? Violations which YOU acknowledged before being elected? Your government has promised to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation. How can that possibly happen if the Peace River valley is flooded?

B) The BC Utilities Commission's independent review found there are less destructive and potentially less expensive alternatives.

C) The citizens of this province do NOT want and DO NOT NEED this dam.

I had hope that your new government, Premier Horgan, would usher in much-needed change. Please, please don't let me and thousands of other BC residents down.

Sincerely,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 11:26 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear Mr Horgan,

I am a longstanding NDP supporter, but I am very saddened and disappointed to see our party--yours, elected to do things differently in B.C. from the Liberals, maintain this devastating project.

The massive scale of the destruction, of ancestral, highly fertile agricultural lands, is just unacceptable. The independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission confirmed that there are **less destructive alternatives** that, despite the money already spent, may still be cheaper in the long run. And you yourself previously acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution and that this issue has still not been addressed or resolved.

The idea that too much money has already been spent to not go ahead with spending more than twice that amount more is not good economic sense, either, in my mind. The province needs to invest in the long term needs of the people of northeast BC where social services and infrastructure have been neglected for too long and Site C is simply not the way to do it.

As I understand it, on November 1, a government-appointed economic review concluded that even with the money already spent on Site C, continued construction offers little or no financial benefit to the province when compared with other, less destructive alternatives. Furthermore, in some scenarios, halting Site C could actually mean a considerable saving for the province, freeing up potential for more sustain investments in the province's future. Either way, it's clear that the destruction of Indigenous land and livelihoods is unnecessary and that the province **could benefit Indigenous and non-Indigenous people alike through a new strategy for energy conservation and development.**

Despite what you recently said, Site C is not past the point of no return. There's still time to stop construction and repair the harm. Please do the right thing, for the people of B.C., the planet, and the party. Be green-er, do it differently. There's no time to wait.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 10:55 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: s.22
Subject: Site C Decision

Premier Horgan:

After extensive research surrounding the BC NDP Site C decision, I find the decision to continue extremely disappointing. The economical justification is not the whole story. The morality of that decision was apparently not given sufficient weight, at least not in my mind. The fact that Site C's power might actually promote fracking in the future is absolutely disgusting. Bottom line, you are allowing the terrible Liberal decision to have an unfair effect on our path forward. You should have cut our losses and laid the blame for the ramifications where it belongs.

Therefore, I am **discontinuing** my membership of, and monthly donation to the BC NDP.

Remove my name from your email list. Please make the appropriate operational procedure at your end.

With extreme sadness,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 10:36 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Fraser.MLA, Scott LASS:EX; Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Here's the correct Site C math, folks. Read it, act, and save your souls.

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

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 10:25 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Jagmeet Singh; S.22 Craig Keating; Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX
Subject: Site C & I would like to know if you the Premier or your Caucus at all considered the devastating effect this was going to have on the membership and supporters of the New Democratic Party?

Dear Premier Horgan

I have just finished reading the Coverage in the The national magazine of the Sierra Club Regarding the approval of your Govt of Site C on the Peace River

The last statement in the article really concerns me as a 50 plus year member of the NDP

Here is the statement

"Proponents of the project argue that hydroelectric dams like this produce clean energy and are necessary to help British Columbia meet carbon emissions reduction targets set by the Paris climate agreement. But Armstrong points out that mega dams like this one are a far cry from clean energy. "We know that huge reservoirs are emitters of methane," he says. A 2016 study published in *BioScience* found that rotting vegetable matter buried by reservoirs release up to 25 percent more methane than previously thought, making up 1.3 percent of total global emissions.

Theilmann, Willson, and Armstrong all predict a strong public backlash in response to the NDP's decision. "I don't think the NDP government realizes to what extent they have betrayed their base. Most people were probably expecting them to cancel the project," Armstrong says. "As more people become attuned to what this decision means, I think we will see discontent broaden out to the general public. It's important not to see this decision as the last chapter."

Mr Premier I would like to know if you the Premier or your Caucus at all considered the devastating effect this was going to have on the membership and supporters of the New Democratic Party?

I fully believe the approval of Site C will be mired in the courts for years to come and protests will continue within the party all preventing and holding back any progress on many other issues promised by the BC NDP in the Election - In other word the BCNDP Govt will be paralyzed in there attempt to move forward on other issues and puts in to real jeopardy the elect-ability of the current BC NDP Govt.

I encourage you and your NDP Caucus to re-consider your decision on Site C, - AND to quote Mike Harcourt "Mothball Site C immediately" and do as little remediation that is required and let nature repair the damage to the Peace that has already been done.

Yours sincerely

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 10:19 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: Site C

On Monday December 11, 2017 your government made the decision to proceed with construction on the Site C dam project. Your main reason for proceeding with the project was that immediately booking \$4 billion in sunk costs would destroy either the government's or BC Hydro's finances. This would make it very difficult for your government to support programs you had promised in the last provincial election.

However, there seems to be big flaw in your reasoning. Several prominent & knowledgeable individuals have come out strongly refuting your argument. They see no reason sunk costs have to be booked immediately and in fact, these costs can be amortized over 30 years lessening the rate shock to the customer. The \$2.1 billion that has already been spent is currently funded by 30 year bonds. See the article below for details.

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

As a citizen of British Columbia I am extremely disappointed your government would stand before the people of this province and support your decision to proceed on this project with a dump truck full of lies. Any credibility you may have had following the election is now lost. Although the Liberals may have started the Site C project it is the NDP that decided to keep it going. This is now your project Mr. Horgan. If you think the Fast Ferry scandal was bad wait until the final bill comes in on this bloody dam.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 10:13 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Betrayed

I voted NDP primarily because I was opposed to Site C. Your campaign promise was to stop Site C in its tracks. You have betrayed the voters that supported you. I want my Government to invest in Sustainable new energy sources. Not alleviate the need to ever do so in the future.

Site C is a debacle. It is going to be painful and costly to get out of. Everyone understands that. You chose the easy way out. You rolled over and sold out to the Status Quo.

I am so disappointed in your ethics and I don't subscribe to those values. You cheated every voter that supported you. Thanks very much.

Turn your Site C decision around and there is a chance you can rebuild the relationship with your voters. The Peace is a natural Gem that belongs to the People of British Columbia. Don't squander.

Sincerely and with regret,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 10:12 AM
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

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

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 10:05 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C dam

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing to express my extreme dismay over your government's decision to give the go-ahead to the construction of the Site C dam. I was one of many people who celebrated the Provincial election results, thinking that we finally had a progressive provincial government that would truly represent our best interests by taking a long-term view and making decisions that would do everything they could to protect our natural environment so that our grandchildren have at least a fighting chance of a sustainable future. What a huge disappointment the Site C decision is! I could hardly believe my ears.

It seems that once again a short-term economic view wins out. I understand that stopping construction of the dam will result in economic hardship for those whose livelihoods currently depend on it. But I am convinced that the funds that will be spent to complete the construction could instead be successfully put toward creating alternatives. We cannot delay building up our renewable energy sources and we can create employment in this sector. Making this shift will cause some short-term pain, but the long-term gain is where we need to focus. If not, I truly believe that we are looking at a far more heart-breaking scenario of serious long-term pain and hardship. THE STAKES ARE TOO HIGH TO GET THIS WRONG. There has to be a way to reverse this most unfortunate decision.

Please don't let this happen. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 9:53 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam approval

Mr. Horgan

I voted for you because I hoped and expected you would keep your promise to stop the Site C Dam project. This decision means you think that the Site C project is too big to fail. Don't put good money after bad. Change your mind and cancel that project.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 9:52 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam Opposition

Premier John Horgan,

Dear Sir,

Please be aware of just how abhorrent your decision to continue with the Site C Dam is. You know this does not have indigenous approval and that alone should stop you in your tracks. Long term, giving up on Site C and choosing a sustainable alternative will be the cheaper option. You, yourself, acknowledged that the flooding of the Peace River Valley would violate Treaty and Constitutional rights. Nothing should continue on site until Treaty rights obligations have been met.

Yours sincerely,
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From: s.22

Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 9:41 AM

Subject: British Columbia's New Democratic Party Backs Destructive Site C Dam, The government's decision betrays farmers, First Nations, and environmentalists - The national magazine of the Sierra Club



British Columbia's New Democratic Party Backs Destructive Site C Dam

The government's decision betrays farmers, First Nations, and environmentalists

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<https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/british-columbia-s-new-democratic-party-backs-destructive-site-c-dam>

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 9:16 AM
To: 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
Subject: Re: Site C

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

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

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"Why do you think "Little Johnny" was in PG the Friday before his big lie announcement on Monday? Likely his advisors weighed the 2 threatening Court cases and figured Mc Lake has a stronger case so lets appease those 1st Nations people.... FYI Bumstead from Dawson Creek was at that meeting crying his fukking eyes out FOR the project for his City yet the Mayor of Quesnel, who doesn't WANT the Dam was trying to sell the Premier on Biomass energy. But, Little Johnny has had this plan up his sleeve for years according to our Mayor Lori Ackermann who told Andrew Weaver this summer, when he was up, that Johnny promised her the Dam in 2012 the last time he was here. Johnny Boy has been groomed for Monday for a LONG LONG time. #SneakyfkkingNewDamParty Well he's dragged his entire Party down with him in under 6 mos of being in power. Congratulations."

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,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 8:46 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Premier Horgan~ Site C

Premier John Horgan,

I have to voice how disappointed I am in your decision concerning Site C and to echo Amnesty International's words that your decision is "outrageous and cynical."

It is nothing less than a short term money grab and an attempt to keep workers happy (thus votes) resulting in long term destruction of the environment and the culture of our indigenous people.

There are many issues to be dealt with in regards to Site C such as Treaty 8 and the Canadian constitution. Studies show it is not too late to halt this project and there are alternatives which are affordable and will create jobs; make BC a leader in renewable energy. Visit Europe and see what they are doing!

Your decision is simply wrong; history will show this. Do not turn your back on the indigenous people and the environment of BC.

sincerely,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 7:26 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Automatic reply: USWA payed John just under \$1,000,000.00 for a yes @ Site C

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Eby.MLA, David <David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Date: Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 4:21 PM
Subject: Automatic reply: USWA payed John just under \$1,000,000.00 for a yes @ Site C
To: s.22

Thank you for contacting my Community Office.

This automated response is to assure you that your message has been received by my office and will be reviewed as soon as possible. Please note that constituents of Vancouver-Point Grey have priority. Please be sure to respond back and include your home address or postal code to confirm you are a resident of Vancouver-Point Grey.

If you are not a local resident, please contact your MLA's office for assistance. To find out which MLA represents your neighbourhood, you can enter your postal code here to get their contact information:
<https://www.leg.bc.ca/learn-about-us/members>.

If you are writing to David in his responsibilities as the Attorney General, ICBC, liquor policy, or BCLC (gaming policy and enforcement), please direct your correspondence to the Minister at AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca as our constituency office will not be responding to requests addressed to the Attorney General.

If you are writing to David with a media request, please direct your correspondence to Communications Director Megan Harris. She can be reached at [250-387-0520](tel:250-387-0520) or by email at Megan.Harris@gov.bc.ca. Due to the overwhelming volume of correspondence received and our limited capacity, we are not able to respond personally to every inquiry. In most cases, anonymous, cc'd, and forwarded items will not receive a response. Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have any questions regarding the status of your query.

Should you have a situation that requires immediate attention, please call Service BC (www.servicebc.gov.bc.ca), toll-free at [1-800-663-7867](tel:1-800-663-7867) and they will connect you to the appropriate government ministry.

Thanks again for writing,

Community office of David Eby MLA, Vancouver-Point Grey
2909 West Broadway, Vancouver BC V6K 2G6
[604-660-1297](tel:604-660-1297) | www.davidebymla.ca

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 5:44 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Peace River

M. Horgan,

It is with very profound sadness that Canadians who have been following the struggle of Indigenous people in the Peace Valley River have heard of your December 11 decision.

Please reconsider the situation. By taking a courageous stand, despite the *logic* of budget and money, you will contribute to two of the priorities of the NDP : environment and social justice. It is still time to reverse the decision. The benefits will be long lasting, and the unforeseeable consequences may put you and your administration in history books as heroes of the Indigenous cause.

Thank you,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 3:23 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C and MSP.

This message is for the current Premier of B.C.

MR. Horgan.

I think your decision on the site c dam was a GREAT one. B.C. will need power down the road. Greens expect everyone but them to live on solar and wind power thats not reliable.

As far complaints are concerned. Disregard them. You will never satisfy greens or the aboriginals in this province unless you let them take total control and let them do what they want. I hope you understand that.

Also , thank you for the 23 dollar savings on the msp.

Thats a raise of income for me which makes me happy.

Thank you.

As a side note, i think the site c dam may have some early issues but really, in the long run you will make most British Columbian's happy because you know how important power is in the electrical sense.

Can you imagine what would happen if the power went off for 1 week?

Research Britians week long power outage to get an idea of what could happen.

Mr Horgan, Keep your spine and don't back down on the cite c dam.

If certain individuals want to stop it . Arrest and jail accordingly.

Have a very Merry Christmas.

s.22

Sent with [ProtonMail](#) Secure Email.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 2:35 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Site C Dam

Begin forwarded message:

From: S.22
Date: December 8, 2017 9:48:44 PM PST (CA)
To: "Office PREM:EX OfficeofthePremier" <premier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear Mr Horgan

I urge you to stop the Site C Dam from flooding the beautiful and extremely valuable Peace River Valley. There is

very little Fertile Northern Agricultural Land, these 12,500 hectares could feed a Million People a year.

Apologies to First Nations about past wrongs sound hollow when we continue to violate their rights and ignore treaties. The Profit River and Moberly First Nations treaty 8 should be honored. This is their home.

The land there is unstable. What if the valley was flooded and an earthquake ruptured the dam? The destructive consequences would be horrific.

We don't need the power from Site C and can't afford to be paying for it for the next 70 years ! Cancel it.

Plans, training and resettlement for displaced workers will make canceling Site C easier.

Thank you,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 9:45 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Simpson.MLA, Shane L LASS:EX
Subject: Re: Site C dam decision

Premier Horgan, Dr. Weaver, and MLA Simpson,

I am writing to you again to express my growing frustration with the decision on the Site C dam.

I have just read the article in the December 14, 2017 edition of the Georgia Straight about Site C and the cancellation of the bridge tolls.

Communities around the world have introduced road pricing as a mechanism to decrease congestion, urban sprawl, and associated air pollution, yet the NDP chose to eliminate well-established bridge tolls instead of modifying the tolls to make them fairer. What a shock to discover that the funds from the bridge tolls could have paid for the cost of cancelling the Site C dam!

I will never vote for the NDP again, unless the NDP reverses those two shortsighted decisions and demonstrates that, when in power, the NDP makes decisions that benefit the people of BC, not decisions that pander to voters in swing ridings and party supporters.

Will the current government consider reestablishing the bridge tolls on the Port Mann bridge and Golden Ears bridge?

Will the government consider cancelling the Site C dam?

Surely, there are many other construction projects that could be funded with the toll monies not spent on Site C and that could decrease residents' and businesses' need to use the bridge. More transit service and park and ride parking lots are just a few of those other projects.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I look forward to your response.

Regards,
s.22

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 12, 2017, at 10:10 PM, s.22

wrote:

Premier Horgan, Dr. Weaver, and MLA Simpson,

I am dismayed to hear of the BC government's decision to proceed with the Site C dam construction.

Which alternatives were considered before reaching this decision? I understand that there are contractual penalties for stopping construction. What creative approaches were proposed to the companies under contract in order to attempt to mitigate the costs of stopping construction? Would they have been interested in doing restoration work instead?

Given the pending violation of the rights of indigenous communities with ties to the Peace River area, and the likelihood of judicial debate, I ask that your government halt construction until the human rights issues are resolved, in order to prevent irreparable environmental and social damage.

Thank you for considering my request.

Best regards,

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Sent from my iPhone

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From:
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:38 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C decision

Dear Premier.

The following is my reply to a long letter from Michelle Mungall and another from David Eby. It is intended as well for you, and all members of the NDP cabinet and caucus.

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Dear Minister Mungall,

Thank you for your lengthy reply. (Ref. 103182)

That said, I must forewarn you that I shall do my very best as a long-time NDP supporter and as a decent human being, to avoid responding with abusive language. It won't be easy. Your letter was itself an abuse of logic from start to finish. It reads like it was assembled by a mediocre political PR consultant out of a bucket of tired phrases and party-approved talking points, not out of anyone's personal convictions. Did you write it? I hope to confine my remarks to the points your letter raised pretty much in the order you presented them.

Yes, you *can* change the previous government's mistakes. Much of the estimated \$4 billion dollars final cost to cancel and remediate the barely-started Site C project will go to pay companies and workers already on site and who will be so for some considerable time into the future. Taxes upon their high incomes would return some revenue to government and almost nobody now working would be put out of a job.

You say cancellation would have caused massive cuts in services? I never heard that objection raised when the NDP cancelled bridge tolls (foregoing \$3.5 billion). If you think you can't change the previous government's mistakes, then you can change your own government's mistake right there. That would anger some urban commuters but would negate most of the predicted \$4 billion cancelled dam cost.

As to your respect for the commitment of we who opposed the dam to “move B.C. to a better future”? Lovely and meaningless generality. Better future for whom? More words upon the subject of empty generalities will follow in this letter.

Government will address concerns with “a number of conditions”? As you have seen in other contexts, companies will agree to *any* conditions in order to get permits. It looks good on TV for them and for government. Then they will prematurely and unilaterally declare that they have fulfilled the conditions (See Kinder Morgan) while simultaneously appealing to government to exempt them from the very conditions they agreed to. (Kinder Morgan again - demonstrating the immense meaninglessness of gov’t’s “conditions”).

Your letter promised “initiatives”.

The Project Assurance Board will have a “mandate” to get projects done on time and on budget? (In future, of course, just not for this one last time) How does that mandate work? When contractors screw up, when materials costs rise, when unforeseen circumstances and tension cracks pop up - will this admirable Board take off their suits and put on hard hats to personally finish the job on time? Will they sell their houses to finance the cost over-runs? “Mandate” my left foot. That mandate must exist prior to beginning any project or why even sign or honour the contract?

Community Benefits Programs. The “community” is a big temporary work camp. Soon it will be gone. Likewise some small indigenous nations and farmers who will lose all that is of value to them. They won’t have any community left to receive benefits. I heard one First Nation leader on CBC yesterday, one whose nation has signed on to the project and who is making big bucks right now working for the man. He was unabashedly happy about the prospect of becoming the third-largest construction company in BC. Good for him. Unprompted, he smugly boasted that the compensation his people will receive from government for loss of their land and culture will be “in excess of nine figures”. Sigh. How many other small nations will be similarly bribed? More billions gone. And where will they go when this construction is done? Where can they call home?

Peace River Legacy Fund An unfortunate name. This reminds me of nothing so much as other “legacy” projects. Here’s how they work. First destroy a community and its culture. Next issue grants to establish a museum to honour their memory. Noble sentiments are expressed. Tourists are attracted. The premier comes to cut the ribbon along with local MLA. Example: the Doukhobor Village and Museum (and gift shoppe) in Castlegar. Here in Victoria we are today considering a sculpture to “honour” the starving orcas who will soon be extinct, another part of our “legacy”. Legacy funds are hush money. Legacy projects are grave markers - reeking of hypocritical nostalgia. They ooze crocodile tears for the intentional erasure of human or natural communities who were perceived as inconvenient

pests by gov't, industry, and the banks which rule them all with little flicks of their credit ratings whip.

Food Security Programs. Nice try. "based upon site C revenues?" What revenues are those? There will be NO revenues. John Horgan himself said it would take seventy years just to pay down the \$4 billion dollar charge to cancel the dam, never mind the optimistic \$11 billion to complete it. Seventy years! Electricity for which there is no great demand will be sold at a loss. On this galactic scale 20 million dollars to enhance Peace River Valley food production is, pardon the expression, a fart in a windstorm.

Treaty 8 and First Nations in general. I hesitate to comment on this unspeakable mess. I see you promise to hold meetings, to "work with", to "address concerns" etc etc. Personally I'd be surprised if First Nations would deign to meet with government at this point. It sticks in my craw to see the word "Honourable" attached to Scott Fraser or to any government minister sent in to do this dirty work. I see that you plan to "ask" BC Hydro to "consider" doing some good for the community. "Ask"? Why not "tell"? Why not "order"? Why not "require" BC Hydro to act with consideration upon those stolen lands? Who governs this Province, our government or BC Hydro?

I may be lacking in imagination but when I imagine myself in the position of First Nation people, thoughts of violence, despair, or suicide are among the things that come to mind. I'm sure they don't want that, nor do you, nor do I. But it is a real, live worry. Lie after lie, promise after promise, apology after apology, theft after theft - First Nations' continued patience and restraint is monumental. It is a wonder of the world, far more impressive than the dam. You think the Site C decision was "difficult"? Imagine yourself as a First Nations leader trying to decide whether to bother attending another meeting with government. *That* is what I would call a difficult decision. But you promise to "work in partnership" with folks whose fate has been sealed long before you go into the meeting house. Feh!

Hydro rates. John Horgan said dreadful things will happen if we cancel the project. He said we'd have a 12% rise of Hydro rates after eating the projected \$4 billion in sunk funds. Good grief! Do the math and tell me where our Hydro rates will be after \$11 billion has been spent. If you answer one question in this letter, answer that one.

Minister David Eby just sent out an impressively detailed "personal" letter of rationalization which rested heavily upon a lot of accounting arcana. I freely confess I do not fully understand macro-accounting principles so I cannot say whether there is any truth or necessity to his sad conclusions. Better-qualified people than myself say the numbers are wrong or wild guesses at unknowns. They say your accounting advice is nonsense. But at least some numbers and reasoning are now out where we have a chance to evaluate them, whether we are for or against Site C. What struck me was that Minister Eby presented so

much detail about the reasoning behind the decision. . . . Long pause. . . . Why now? Why did government not offer that level of detail and insight long before now? Why must your rationale be explained only after the fact? All we got beforehand were empty generalizations. We were lulled and reassured that the decision would be “good for BC” or “the right thing”. But no reasoning at all. None. I listened to “NDP insider” Moe Sihota boost the Site C dam on CBC radio the other day. He repeated the phrase “the right thing” so many times that I thought he was chanting a mantra or trying to hypnotize his listeners.

If the NDP, Liberals, Conservatives, or Greens were required to answer a skill-testing question before they could take office, for example, to add two plus two, they would all come up with the same number, four. But they wouldn’t all govern in the same manner. The true nature of a party’s principles is not found in the numbers they trot out but in moral choices, in whether they really do the right thing.

Enough.

Now that you’ve had some practice at making one hard Site C decision, here is another difficult decision you must make. Apologize, change your minds, and do the right thing. I know you and your cohort are receiving a great deal of negative response to this decision. It is probably especially painful because much of it is coming not from the rejoicing Liberals, but from betrayed former NDP supporters. Many are in deep shock but they will get around to expressing their thoughts soon enough. It is only natural that you will feel personally slighted and hurt and probably resentful. I am truly sorry you have to endure this agonizing experience. If any of my own words have been hurtful I apologize. But I sure won’t shut up.

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Yours truly,

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P.S. This letter will be copied to recipients within and outside of government.

From: Ken Boon <pvla@xplornet.com>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 6:22 PM
To: Ken Boon
Subject: Site C Related Media

This requested examination is in the public interest because the now \$10.7 billion Site C project is the largest capital infrastructure project in the history of BC and there is a fundamental difference of opinion on the potential financial impacts of moving forward with Site C vs. cancelling Site C.

<http://mailchi.mp/904e67a53240/letter-to-the-auditor-general?e=f5c22db691>

Several families living in the Peace River Valley are now dealing with the Grinch who Stole their homes at Christmas. They have bills piled up from hiring experts to assist them with their battle and at the same time are faced with losing their homes due to continued Site C construction.

<http://mailchi.mp/7e1b9b23c9ad/the-grinch-that-stole-homes-for-christmas?e=01a300a737>

The Premier said that he won't hesitate to build consensus with the farmers on which is the best direction to flee while 15 feet of diverted water washes away their century-old family homesteads.

<https://www.thebeaverton.com/2017/12/site-c-bc-ndp-remind-disappointed-supporters-theyre-still-committed-working-flooding-first-nations/>

According to McCullough, Eby appears to believe that the \$2.1 billion in sunk costs have been held in abeyance.

"This is a curious belief," McCullough declared. "British Columbia has a continuous financing program designed to balance cash requirements and cash inflows. These needs drive the province's issuance of bonds. The province has already spent the \$2.1 billion dollars [sic] and the cash has been disbursed."

<https://www.straight.com/news/1008186/peace-valley-opponents-site-c-dam-ask-auditor-general-urgent-examination-ndp-government>

"It's hard for any of us to predict the future right now," Boon said.

"Obviously, Horgan has announced they're going to proceed. What's going to happen next though? Are the geotechnical issues going to cause further costs and delays? The First Nations, are they going to receive an injunction to stop the work? Is the NDP party going to implode?"

<http://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/site-c/landowners-lament-site-c-decision-call-for-auditor-general-review-1.23122619>

Ken Boon said he felt "very bitter" about the news.

"Christy [Clark] didn't get us past the point of no return, but John Horgan is about to," he said.

"If you're a B.C. NDPer who voted for them to do the right thing on Site C, you're going to be disgusted."

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/fort-st-john-site-c-dam-reaction-1.4443238?cmp=rss>

The B.C. government has decided to move ahead with the Site C project, and critics say the BC NDP may have fallen victim to a common psychological phenomenon that sees people stick with an investment, even if it's not panning out.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3912637/site-c-didnt-need-to-be-approved-just-because-money-was-already-spent-critics/>

In announcing that Site C construction would continue, Premier Horgan claimed that it was already too late to halt the project. The claim contradicts the recently completed BC Utilities Commission review which found that even with the money already spent on Site C, BC's future energy needs could be met through less destructive means and that this would likely result in a similar or lower overall cost.

<http://fraservalleynewsnetwork.com/2017/12/11/amnesty-international-slams-site-c-decision/>

Chingee told Radio West host Sarah Penton that while negotiations are ongoing, he expected the final amount to be "nine figures, minimum."

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/site-c-benefits-mcleod-lake-harley-chingee-1.4447675>

Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada (MP, Saanich-Gulf Islands), said: "The NDP government in British Columbia has betrayed its supporters who have worked for years to stop Christy Clark's boondoggle. The decision is hugely irresponsible from a fiscal, environmental, legal and economic standpoint.

<https://www.greenparty.ca/en/media-release/2017-12-11/green-party-canada-outraged-approval-site-c-dam>

The NDP have approved the continuing construction of the Site C dam, committing the province to its completion. Premier John Horgan announced the decision with reluctance, but not all NDP bigwigs are responding the same way. Guest :Mike Harcourt - Former NDP Premier

<https://omny.fm/shows/steele-drex/former-bc-premier-mike-harcourt-isn-t-on-board-wit>

World Wildlife Fund Canada condemns the Government of British Columbia's decision to continue construction of the Site C dam, which will cause irreparable harm to habitat for fish – such as bull trout and Arctic grayling – and for other species including the little brown bat, and stymie Indigenous-led efforts to transition to habitat-friendly renewable energy.

<https://globenewswire.com/news-release/2017/12/11/1251118/0/en/Site-C-dam-decision-harmful-to-wildlife.html>

"This is a lost opportunity for B.C. to create long-term sustainable renewable energy jobs that position the province as a leader in the energy economy," Ritchlin said. "Focusing on renewables like wind energy and geothermal is the most cost-effective approach and best serves B.C. citizens, but sadly, we're stuck with an expensive megaproject instead."

<https://davidsuzuki.org/press/site-c-decision-wrong-one-first-nations-climate-jobs/>

"Site C is a dinosaur, and the Peace Valley could be a model for sustainability with wind, solar and agriculture.

<http://www.bowenlandundercurrent.com/news/islanders-react-to-site-c-dam-approval-1.23122566>

Middays With Jody Vance - Ken Boon (Dec 13, 2017)

Jody speaks with Ken Boon, president of the Peace Valley Landowners Association about the recent Site C announcement - and his reaction given that the project will cut through his land.

<http://bit.ly/2z9Qlui>

If Senator Neufeld is as concerned as he claims to be about climate change, then he would also be as strongly in favour of looking at the Kinder Morgan Pipeline Expansion Project through the same "climate change lens."

<http://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/opinion/letters/skeptical-about-senator-s-climate-change-views-1.23122442>

"We just want to keep holding [Mungall's] feet to the fire," she said. "We don't want it to just pass by and say, 'oh, too bad.' Part of the democratic process is continuing to speak up, continuing to speak our truth regardless of the outcome. We're here just to let her know no, this is not OK with us and we'll continue to fight."

<https://www.nelsonstar.com/news/site-c-protest-held-outside-michelle-mungalls-office/>

"It's a new record for renewable energy pricing in Canada — the lowest price Canadians have ever seen, right here in Alberta," a triumphant Notley told the crowd.

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2017/12/14/news/alberta-blows-past-competition-claim-cheapest-wind-energy-rate>

Party leader Andrew Weaver says his caucus will take the message of stopping Site-C directly to the Premier.

"We haven't given up yet our caucus is meeting with the Premier, Carole James, and George Heyman this afternoon. We are very concerned about the decision. We want to articulate again why the rationale simply does not hold water and why we are going to continue to do everything we can to get them to see the lost opportunity."

<http://www.radionl.com/2017/12/14/green-party-not-throwing-in-the-towel-on-stopping-site-c-yet/>

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 6:24 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: You are wrong

I support the Indigenous people whose treaty rights will ignored during the building of Site C. Irresponsible behavior is not acceptable.

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From:
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 5:59 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site-C Conclusion

Site-C although a BC Canadian Project , is going to be viewed Globally on every detail of how it's handled to the influences and direction it takes, without bias from local main stream networks , news papers, but with a view from all point of views .

After all the evidence shown that continuing on with the Site-C was the worst thing to do Premier John Horgan tells us that Site-C is going to be built.

Ultimately, the government concluded that cancelling the project near Fort St. John would result in a 12-percent increase in hydro rates in 2020. It also forecast overall rates would be nearly twice as high for 20 years beyond 2020 if it cancelled Site C — or would leave the government with significantly less money to spend on other infrastructure spending.

With all the evidence pointing to renewable energy being the new gold rush, BC will be left in the dust , without investing in it .

Bloomberg New Energy Finance

“Renewable energy sources are set to represent almost three quarters of the \$10.2 trillion the world will invest in new power generating technology until 2040, thanks to rapidly falling costs for solar and wind power, and a growing role for batteries, including electric vehicle batteries, in balancing supply and demand.”

<https://about.bnef.com/new-energy-outlook/>



New Energy Outlook 2017 | Bloomberg New Energy Finance ...

about.bnef.com

BNEF New Energy Outlook is our annual long-term economic forecast of the world's power sector.

Tesla to build world's biggest lithium ion battery in South Australia

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2017/jul/07/tesla-to-build-worlds-biggest-lithium-ion-battery-in-south-australia>



Tesla to build world's biggest lithium ion battery in South Australia

www.theguardian.com

Elon Musk's company Tesla will partner with French utility Neoen to deliver the lithium ion battery designed to improve the security of electricity network

Tesla Gigafactory

https://www.tesla.com/en_CA/gigafactory



Tesla Gigafactory | Tesla Canada

www.tesla.com

The Tesla Gigafactory located near Sparks, NV will produce 35GWh of batteries annually by 2020.

Organic and Nanostructured Electronics Laboratory

<https://onelab.mit.edu/research/solar-technologies/ultra-thin-flexible-solar-cells>



Ultra-Thin, Flexible Solar Cells | Organic and ...

onelab.mit.edu

In Situ Vapor-Deposited Parylene Substrates for Ultra-thin, Lightweight Solar Cells. Joel Jean, Annie Wang, Anna Osherov, Richard Swartwout, Vladimir Bulović

Green Party of Canada outraged by approval of Site C dam

<https://www.greenparty.ca/en/media-release/2017-12-11/green-party-canada-outraged-approval-site-c-dam>



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www.greenparty.ca

(OTTAWA) – The Green Party of Canada strongly condemns the recent B.C. government decision to approve the Site C dam. Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada (MP, Saanich-Gulf Islands), said: “The NDP government in British Columbia has betrayed its supporters who have worked for years to stop Christy Clark's boondoggle. The decision is hugely irresponsible from a fiscal, environmental, legal and economic standpoint. Like Muskrat Falls in Newfoundland and Labrador, this \$15 billion disaster will continue to sink into red ink to generate power at a price no one can afford. The facts regarding the Site C dam were reinforced by the recently-released B.C. Utilities Commission final report. The report confirmed that the project will be outrageously expensive for ratepayers and taxpayers, is entirely unnecessary, and will put the future prosperity of the province in serious jeopardy.”

Green Leader Andrew Weaver claims NDP Site C decision made months ago

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

Site C Is a Climate-Change Disaster, Says Suzuki

<https://thetyee.ca/News/2016/02/23/Site-C-Climate-Disaster/>

Site C Is a Climate-Change Disaster, Says Suzuki | The Tyee

thetyee.ca

'We have to rethink everything' says noted environmentalist. A Tyee Q&A.

An open letter to Premier John Horgan: Site C job numbers lack public verification

<https://www.justthedamfacts.ca/the-facts-are-piling-up/2017/11/13/an-open-letter-to-premier-john-horgan-site-c-job-numbers-lack-public-verification>



An open letter to Premier John Horgan: Site C job numbers ...

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Open Letter to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier and
MLA, B.C. Cabinet Ministers and all other Members of the
Legislative Assembly From: Harold Steves, Bob Fedderly ...

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

BC Hydro figures put current Site C employment at 2,375, but, once construction is complete in 2024, Site C would employ only 74 people each year.

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



Alternatives to the Site C Dam Will Create Way More
Jobs ...

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Alternatives to the \$10 billion Site C dam would produce
significantly more jobs than construction of the
controversial hydroelectric dam, according to a new study
...

Site C dam to be completed (Updated) | Dec. 11, 2017, 11:30 a.m. B.C. government now puts Site C budget at \$10.7 billion

<https://www.biv.com/article/2017/12/site-c-dam-be-completed/>



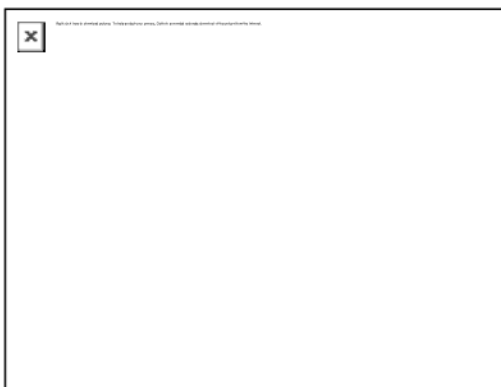
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B.C. government now puts Site C budget at \$10.7 billion

EXCLUSIVE: Site C Dam 'Devastating' for British Columbians, Says Former CEO of BC Hydro

<https://www.desmog.ca/2015/08/04/exclusive-site-c-dam-devastating-british-columbians-says-former-ceo-bc-hydro>



EXCLUSIVE: Site C Dam 'Devastating' for British Columbians ...

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In an exclusive interview with DeSmog Canada, former BC Hydro CEO Marc Eliesen says ratepayers will face a “devastating” increase in their electricity bills if ...

British Columbia Utilities Commission Inquiry Respecting Site C , Final Report to the Government of British Columbia November 1, 2017

<http://www.sitecinquiry.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/11-01-2017-BCUC-Site-C-Inquiry-Final-Report.pdf>

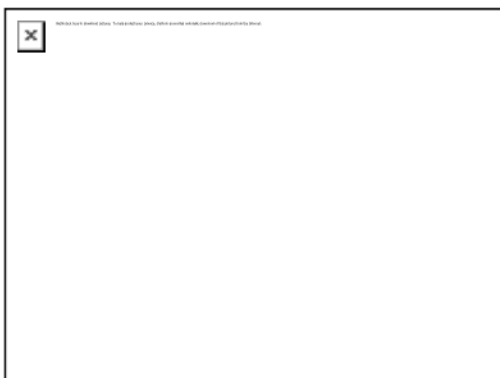
BCUC INQUIRY RESPECTING SITE C - SiteC Inquest

www.sitecinquiry.com

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NDP government decides to continue construction on Site C dam

<http://vancouver.sun.com/news/politics/ndp-government-decides-to-continue-construction-on-site-c-dam>



NDP government decides to continue construction on Site C dam

vancouversun.com

B.C.'s New Democrat government will continue building the Site C dam, choosing to finish the contentious project started by the previous Liberal government rather ...

VICTORIA—Sierra Club BC today released the following statement from Peace Valley campaigner Galen Armstrong in response to the provincial government's decision to proceed with the Site C dam: Site C decision a betrayal of First Nations, ratepayers and future generations Despite all the evidence, this government has made the monumentally bad decision to continue construction of the Site C dam. In doing so, Premier Horgan and his cabinet have betrayed Treaty 8 First Nations and taken a massive step off the path to reconciliation. They've betrayed the farmers and residents of the Peace River Valley, and deprived British Columbians of vital farmland as climate change makes food security a big issue. And they've betrayed every BC Hydro ratepayer, who will be paying for this misbegotten, overpriced monstrosity for the next 70 years. <http://sierraclub.bc.ca/site-c-decision-media-statement/>



Site C decision a betrayal of First Nations, ratepayers and future generations - Sierra Club BC

sierraclub.bc.ca

“Today is a dark day. The government has betrayed First Nations and all those who voted in hope of stopping Site C.

Treaty 8 First Nations to seek Site C injunction
<http://www.princegeorgecitizen.com/news/local-news/treaty-8-first-nations-to-seek-site-c-injunction-1.23119264>



Treaty 8 First Nations to seek Site C injunction

www.princegeorgecitizen.com

Two Treaty 8 First Nations opposed to Site C say they'll be seeking a court injunction to halt the dam's continued construction.

Treaty 8 nations to launch injunction against Site C

<https://www.biv.com/article/2017/12/treaty-8-nations-launch-injunction-against-site-c/>



Treaty 8 nations to launch injunction against Site C

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Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver calls for recall of NDP Energy minister, but won't bring NDP government down over Site C

BC First Nations seek court injunction to stop Site C dam

<http://theturtleislandnews.com/index.php/2017/12/11/construction-go-ahead-site-c-dam-cost-soars-10-7-billion/>



B.C. First Nations seek court injunction to stop Site C dam after NDP approves construction - The Turtle Island News

theturtleislandnews.com

By Dirk Meissner THE CANADIAN PRESS Two Treaty 8 First Nations opposed to Site C say they'll be seeking a court injunction to halt the dam's continued construction and launch a treaty infringement lawsuit after the B.C. government said it would continue with the Site C hydroelectric dam project. The West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations said they will seek the injunction and launch a treaty infringement lawsuit. "It was John Horgan's NDP that demanded a Site C inquiry by the B.C.

Utilities Commission, and the results they received from it were clear: no need for the power, better alternatives once we do, and no advantage to ratepayers to proceed. With those findings, the only responsible choice was to immediately stop destroying the Peace River Valley.”
Chief Roland Willson

A reconciliation fail': B.C. First Nations promise court action over NDP's approval of Site C

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



'A reconciliation fail': B.C. First Nations promise court action over NDP's approval of Site C

www.cbc.ca

The West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations have promised to go to court to stop the Site C dam, while others criticized the NDP for breaking campaign promises to respect the rights of Indigenous people.

Continued construction of Site C is an outrageous betrayal of BC government's human rights commitments

<http://www.amnesty.ca/news/continued-construction-site-c-outrageous-betrayal-bc-government%E2%80%99s-human-rights-commitments>

Unfortunately First Nations become more divided with mega projects . It's what we settlers have been doing since we stepped foot on this land. Offering riches for the land , the environment. While other bands don't agree with this trade , slowly and eventually , all the land , the entire environment , and way of life is bought and sold to someone else .This divides the bands and weakens the nations bonds.

Site C approval a 'Christmas present' says McLeod Lake Indian Band chief

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/site-c-benefits-mcleod-lake-harley-chingee-1.4447675>



Site C approval a 'Christmas present' says McLeod Lake Indian Band chief

www.cbc.ca

Chief Harley Chingee estimates economic benefits of the dam to his community will be "nine figures, at least" Christmas present" and advised other Indigenous leaders to negotiate their own deals.

B.C. Taxpayers Paid Millions for the Prime Farmland BC Hydro Will Flood with Site C Dam

<https://www.desmog.ca/2016/01/11/b-c-taxpayers-paid-millions-prime-farmland-bc-hydro-will-flood-site-c-dam>



B.C. Taxpayers Paid Millions for the Prime Farmland BC ...

www.desmog.ca

Over the past four decades, B.C. taxpayers have footed a multi-million dollar bill for BC Hydro to purchase prime Peace Valley farmland in anticipation of building ...

BCHydro CEO admits \$70 billion obligation

http://www.sitecinquiry.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/DOC_90121_F103-5_Hadland-A_Site-C-Submission_Redacted.pdf

Debt not okay: Hadland - Site C Inquiry

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From: To: Site C Submissions BCUC:EX Subject: Debt not OK Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 12:10:26 PM Old but pertinent info Dear Commissioners, I have attached the ...

Vaughn Palmer: Credit report sounds alarm over BC Hydro debt

<http://vancouver.sun.com/opinion/columnists/vaughn-palmer-credit-report-sounds-alarm-over-bc-hydro-debt>



Vaughn Palmer: Credit report sounds alarm over BC Hydro ...

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Amid an otherwise favourable credit report on British Columbia last week, the Moody's Investors Service sounded an alarm about a 125-per-cent increase in debt at ...

B.C.'s credit rating at risk as Hydro's debt grows

<http://vancouver.sun.com/news/politics/b-c-s-credit-rating-at-risk-as-hydros-debt-grows>



B.C.'s credit rating at risk as BC Hydro's debt grows ...

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Moody's sounds alarm bells about BC Hydro's finances, saying the Crown electricity provider's debt level is a risk to BC's credit rating.

Taxpayers on the hook for Site C dam until 2094

<https://www.biv.com/article/2016/10/taxpayers-be-hook-site-c-dam-until-2094/>



Taxpayers to be on hook for Site C dam until 2094 | Mining ...

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According to evidence given to the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC), BC Hydro conceded that it planned to have the \$9 billion hydroelectric dam project paid off 70 ...

Government will complete Site C construction, will not burden taxpayers or BC Hydro customers with previous government's debt

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017PREM0135-002039>



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The British Columbia government will complete construction of the Site C hydroelectric dam, saying that to do otherwise would put British Columbians on the hook for an immediate and unavoidable \$4-billion bill – with nothing in return – resulting in rate hikes or reduced funds for schools, hospitals and important infrastructure.

Is the taxpayer bailing out BC Hydro Debt by paying for the Site-C Dam ?

If Site-C that the taxpayers are paying for is used to pay for BC Hydro Dept then effectively BC Taxpayers are bailing out BC Hydro.

Taxpayers should get a return on their investments when taxpayers dollars are used in projects that generate profits, such as the profits that BC Hydro will make from Site-C . Through the profits generated from Site-C dam from selling electricity.

The taxes that go into site-c should become a percentage off BC residences hydro bills . If BC taxpayers put 9 billion in taxes into site-c and it finishes at 18 Billion dollars then BC residences should get 50% off their hydro rates. BC taxpayers taxes that go into site-c should be considered an investment with some returns for their investment.

The business deal makes BC business dealings look weak, in negotiations, unless your a Mega Corporation or Large donor. This deal of course works great for Mega Corporations and donors to the Government to get what they want at the bargaining table.

Side note ,

There is no Contingency Plan for Site-C dam if it was to have a major failure, it wasn't budgeted for.
(BC has Earthquakes)

This Government and the Liberal Government behaves like an Oligarchy ,

Oligarchy, government by the few, especially despotic power exercised by a small and privileged group for corrupt or selfish purposes.

The decision for Site-C was no investment for BC it only helps a few for selfish purposes . A real investment for BC is Renewable Energy , that's where the TRILLIONS are , not the few Billions that your chasing .

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 5:13 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: regarding Site C

How could you have supported this disastrous project? Nothing good will come of this and in the end the NDP will be held accountable. You've allowed the corrupt Liberal Government to get away with this deplorable project despite First Nation objections, destroying prime farm land and allowing a mismanaged BC Hydro to eventually sell electricity at a loss while jacking up the prices that we in BC pay. It is indeed a sad day.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 4:55 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Hi John,
You don't know me, I'm just a 'regular' guy in BC.

I just wanted to say thanks about the above.

I know you had to make a tough decision, but I think you made the right one.

I also would have thought & said 'No' if the project was not so far along.

I am a Civil Engineering Technologist, s.22 & from a technical perspective. I do think dams & hydro power are good in lots of ways.
But I also realize their drawbacks; flooding, silting, etc.

I've also studied solar & wind power, so see & appreciate that side too.
That should be the future in many ways.

s.22

And I've since worked in northern BC, & with Indian bands there, so I see & understand that side too.

Out of all of that, I think I'm lower case 'green' & feel we do need to get away from carbon fuel, but also flooding of large tracts of land.

Ironically, I held my nose in the last elections, & voted Liberal in the elections, because I think Dan Aston is the best MLA for our local region.
I did not want 'Christie' though!

But at this point, "It is what it is", about Site C.
I also would 'go back' if we could.

All things considered, including the \$\$, I feel & think you made the right choice.

Thanks.
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 4:17 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: STOP SITE C DAM - STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PEACE RIVER VALLEY

Premier Horgan,

Your decision to violate the rights of Indigenous Canadians with the continued construction of the site C damn is despicable and cynical. Perhaps you have sold your soul, but to turn over the soul of the Peace River Valley for a handful of cash is unconscionable.

I don't have words to express how disgusting and foul this decision is - and how untrustworthy you have shown yourself to be in making it. You said yourself that this would be a violation of Indigenous rights - you know exactly what you are doing.

You are showing yourself to be the worst of what a Canadian leader can be - a colonialist who would trade the precious heart and soul of this nation for a little bit of money.

I urge you - stop this madness. Stand up for Indigenous rights. Help push this country towards reconciliation.

Don't be the man who allowed the irreversible destruction of the Peace River Valley.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 4:00 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Mr. Governor Sir,

You are one of the worst rulers this province has seen. I keep looking behind me because it feels like I have been stabbed in the back by a loved one.

Excuse me while I go vomit again,
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 3:44 PM
To: s.22 ; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, AEST AEST:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX; Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX; Minister, CITZ CITZ:EX; s.22 Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; s.22 Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; 'Minister of State for Trade'; Minister, LBR LBR:EX; Minister, MH MH:EX; s.22 ; Minister, MAH MAH:EX; s.22 Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX; s.22 Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; s.22 s.22 Minister, TAC TAC:EX; s.22 ; Minister, MAH MAH:EX; s.22 Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX
Cc: 'Mitzi Dean'
Subject: RE: Site C

Well, you finally saw the light.

The NDP lost me, as it did our father, when it failed to accept Thomas Berger as its leader.

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From: s.22
Sent: December-14-17 6:57 PM
To: Premier John Horgan ; Minister of Advanced Education Skills and Training ; Minister of Agriculture ; Attorney General ; Minister of Children and Family Development ; John Horgan ; Minister of State for Child Care ; Minister of Citizens' Services ; s.22 Mines and Petroleum Resources ; MINISTER GEORGE HEYMAN ; Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier ; s.22 ; Hon. Steve Thompson ; Minister of Health ; Hon. Scott Fraser ; and Technology ; Minister of State for Trade ; Minister of Labour ; Minister of Mental Health and Addictions ; s.22 ; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ; s.22 ; Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General ; s.22 ; Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction ; s.22 s.22 ; Arts and Culture ; s.22 ; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ; s.22 ; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Cc: Mitzi Dean
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier Horgan and Cabinet members,

I have been an BCNDP member for most of my 80 years s.22
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s.22), I have now cancelled my membership and financial contributions.

The reason is Site-C.

During the last election, BCNDP promised to stop Site-C to avoid major damage to the environment, agriculture, and undertakings to First Nations, provided only that the BC Utilities Commission determined Site-C power could be replaced with alternative energy sources at no higher cost. With the usual caveats, the BCUC report confirmed that to be the case.

To everyone's surprise, however, your government held yet more consultations, and decided to complete Site-C for a *new* reason, namely, that the increased Government debt from cancellation would crowd out resources needed for promised social expenditures.

This is nonsense. To take the most egregious example, your government is keeping its promise to eliminate tolls on the Fraser bridges. This will have about the same "crowding out" effect as cancelling Site C. Worse, eliminating the bridge tolls will yield **zero** benefits to the economy, First Nations or employment, and will incur ***certain, significant and long-term environmental costs*** (more sprawl, less resources and incentive for public transport).

Paraphrasing Einstein, I would be insane to waste my remaining years working within the party and expect better future decisions. My past efforts are indeed "sunk." Your unprincipled Site-C decision, has, however, freed what time and resources remain to explore ways that may just help leave the world a better place.

With great sadness and regret,

Yours sincerely,

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 3:30 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: NDP Government's Site C Math a Flunk

NDP Government's Site C Math a Flunk, Say Project Financing Experts
By [Sarah Cox](#) • Friday, December 15, 2017 in Desmog Canada.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 2:23 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: USWA payed John just under \$1,000,000.00 for a yes @ Site C

From: s.22

Sent: December 14, 2017 4:21 PM

To: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca; Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Eby.MLA, David <David.Eby.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; contact@straight.com; Shore, Randy <rshore@postmedia.com>

Subject: USWA payed John just under \$1,000,000.00 for a yes @ Site C

Remember this, the United Steelworker of America funded John's election campaign to make sure he said 'yes' on the Site C Dam project! The union workers will be doing a lot of 'steel placing and tying' at this dam site. It's not John's job to make a 'financial' statement for the province of B.C. when We have a 'provincial finance minister', to do the job? Is Carole James making 'premier' statements for John? Think NOT.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 2:17 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C decision

Dear John Horgan:

Like most New Democrats I was disappointed with the decision to go ahead with Site C. But I have come to grips with it.

But right now the stamp of John Horgan on the Province of British Columbia is that decision. What is needed is some alternative.

The forests of the interior of British Columbia are under siege; the future of the whole industry is uncertain. What is the plan?

The Oil and Gas Commission has allowed the fracking industry to run wild. What is the plan to control this situation for the benefit

of all British Columbians? I am not alone in asking the question, will John Horgan put his stamp on the solutions to these problems.

I wish you solace and respite over the holiday season.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 1:48 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: site c

From: s.22
Sent: December 15, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: site c

An awful decision. I hope you reconcider, you were left in a bad position by the liberals but you are now sort of backing the bad decision of a previous goverment. Grow some gonads, and change your mind. Think wind, solar, tidal don't be in big business pocket.

I dont want to change the party I supported all my life but the greens have it right and you have it wrong.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 1:29 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: CKNW interview with Mark Ellis

-----Original Message-----

From s.22

Sent: December 15, 2017 9:10 AM

To: Polak.MLA, Mary <Mary.Polak.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: CKNW interview with Mark Ellis

After listening to Mark Ellis on CKNW this morning I am inspired to write to you.

His argument that the \$2B that has been spent on Site C has been financed and shouldn't influence our credit rating going forward and that the \$1.8B for remediation estimate would be amortized over 30 - 70 years, your argument for not cancelling Site C doesn't add up. He indicated that it should not have any influence on the financial plans of your government, as you have argued.

Please reconsider and STOP SITE C!!!

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 1:06 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Fwd: [pdacalert] Site C - Question

From: s.22
Sent: December 15, 2017 3:10 AM
Subject: Fwd: Fwd: [pdacalert] Site C - Question

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Subject: Fwd: [pdacalert] Site C - Question
Date: Thu, 14 Dec 2017 22:58:16 -0800
From: s.22
To:

It would seem an excellent team of financial experts were put together to advise cabinet but cabinet obviously did not listen to them and one member, Robert McCullough is questioning whose advice they really did listen to and asking for transparency as to who they did end up listening to.

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> You may also be interested in this response to Mr Eby's statement from one of the experts that advised cabinet
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> <https://keepingthepeace.files.wordpress.com/2017/12/20171211-response-to-mla-ely-3-rm.pdf>
>
> Attorney General Eby and Environment Minister Heyman:
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> Given the urgency of this matter I am corresponding by e-mail.
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> Your collective Cabinet decision to continue Site C yesterday was justified primarily on the basis, "that if we abandoned the Site C project, we would incur an immediate \$3-4bn public charge on either hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers."
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> This statement is not true.
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> Please refer to attached memorandum from Robert McCullough.
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> Our independent energy expert, Robert McCullough also addressed this matter in his presentation to you at Cabinet on November 30th, 2017.
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> You apparently received other technical analysis and/or legal advice (which we have never seen) that contradicts Mr. McCullough's expert advice to you.

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> Your Cabinet then proceeded to rely on this pivotal advice as the basis to cancel Site C without first contacting Mr. McCullough to resolve this key difference.

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> Please note that Mr. McCullough offered after the cabinet meeting to meet with your officials to review any questions they may have had regarding his presentation. They never did.

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> Accordingly, your collective Cabinet decision to cancel Site C is without legitimacy and without justification.

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> 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 regarding a \$3-4bn public charge on either hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers from the cancellation of Site C.

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> Further, we call on you and your colleagues in Cabinet and Caucus to provide Robert McCullough a full ,fair, open and transparent opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues to respond to this asserted, and unproven, reason for CONTINUING Site C.

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> We request a response to the above forthwith and further that remobilization of Site C construction be placed on hold pending the requested meeting and further consideration by Cabinet and Caucus of this issue.

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> Regards

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> Rob Botterell

> Legal Counsel to Peace Valley Land Association and PVEA

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> <https://keepingthepeace.files.wordpress.com/2017/12/20171211-response-to-mla-ely-3-rm.pdf>

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> On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 9:47 AM, s.22 wrote:

> Thanks,s.22 .

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> On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 11:39 AM, s.22 wrote:

> David Austin, Clean Energy Association of BC

> David Craig, Consolidated Management Consultants

> Colleen Giroux-Schmidt, Innergex Renewable Energy

> Mark Jaccard, school of resource and environmental management, Simon Fraser University

> Robert McCullough, McCullough Research

> Karen Tam Wu, Pembina Institute

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> David Eby refers to a team of financial analysts who advised Cabinet on the BCUC report. I asked him to identify the members of this team, but he has not responded. Does anyone have these names?

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 12:49 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C Decision

From s.22
Sent: December 14, 2017 4:22 PM
To: Ferguson, Susan M EMPR:EX
Cc: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Re: Site C Decision

I'm appalled and disgusted !!! How could you.
The NDP got it WRONG again. How Draconian.

The NDP had a chance to fix the Christy Clark Site C debacle.
You decided to make it your debacle.
This will be a decision to remember.

s.22

On 2017-12-14, at 11:41 AM, Ferguson, Susan M EMPR:EX wrote:

Ref.: 103182

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with me about the future of the Site C dam. I appreciate the active participation from British Columbians on this issue and want to assure you that I listened and heard your concerns.

As you are most likely aware, we have made the difficult decision to proceed with Site C. The project should never have been started, but we cannot change the previous government's mistakes. To do anything but move forward would require British Columbians to take on \$4 billion in debt that would have to result in massive cuts to the services people count on us to deliver. After witnessing the legacy of BC Liberal cuts, I can't allow that to happen again.

I understand that this may not have been the outcome you hoped for, and want to assure you that as this project continues, we will honour and respect the commitment demonstrated by those who oppose Site C and share in their determination to move British Columbia to a better future.

Our Government will address many of the concerns we heard from British Columbians throughout the province with a number of conditions and initiatives including:

- A new Project Assurance Board that will provide independent oversight to future contract procurement and management, project deliverables, environmental integrity, and quality assurance – all within the mandate of delivering the project on time and budget. Based on current projections, BC Hydro has revised the budget to \$10.7 billion.
- Establishing new Community Benefits Programs mandated with ensuring that project benefits assist local communities, and increasing the number of apprentices and First Nations workers hired onto the project.
- Ensuring a Peace River Legacy Fund implements solutions to longer-term environmental, social and economic issues.
- A new BC Food Security Fund – based on Site C revenues – dedicated to supporting farming and enhancing agricultural innovation and productivity across British Columbia.
- Activating the \$20 million agricultural compensation fund to offset lost sales and stimulate long-term productivity enhancements in Peace Valley agriculture.

We recognize the significant impacts on Treaty 8 First Nations and that's why Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and I met directly with Treaty 8 Leaders in their territory. Our Government and BC Hydro will work in partnership with Treaty 8 First Nations on measures to address their concerns, including a re-design of the Highway 29 re-alignment to reduce impact on potential burial sites and sacred places, and the establishment of a Treaty 8 project advisory committee. Further, we will ask BC Hydro to consider the development of a new procurement stream for smaller scale renewable electricity projects where First Nations are proponents or partners.

Our Government remains fully committed to meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples - to working in partnership with all First Nations, and to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Once again, I want to thank you for your valuable perspective on this issue. I am committed to continuing a dialogue with all British Columbians as the project proceeds.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mungall
Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 12:48 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: site c

From: s.22
Sent: December 14, 2017 4:19 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Cc: Donaldson.MLA, Doug ; Eby.MLA, David ; Fraser.MLA, Scott ; george.heyman.MLZ@leg.bc.ca;
James.MLA, Carole ; Mungall.MLA, Michelle ; Popham.MLA, Lana
Subject: site c

To the BC NDP: Due to your treacherous (to BC voters and First Nations), disastrous (to BC Food Security) decision regarding Site C, I will never again vote for the NDP.

Sadlv.
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 12:33 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C decision

I am never voting NDP again. You have no creativity or meaningful foresight. The financial thinking to support this project was incredibly backwards and unsupported. My federally is lost also no matter how many "modern" men and women you create.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 12:18 PM
To: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; galen@sierraclub.bc.ca
Subject: Re: Site C Decision
Attachments: 100RE-Building-Blocks.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Dear Minister Mungall

Thanks for your detailed and rapid reply, I do appreciate it. However, I implore you and the premier to reconsider your decision. While the actions listed in your response to mitigate and manage the effects of Site C are commendable, they inadequately address the concerns of the West Moberly First Nations and Prophet River First Nation and completely ignore the larger, less-discussed issues:

- the huge ecosystem values of an intact Peace River valley
- the value of the lost high quality farmland lost to the dam (where *does* BC expect to get its food 30 years from now?)
- the values of an intact rocky mountain corridor for species movement and adaptation to climate change
- the carbon footprint of this infrastructure and construction
- the cost to the renewable energy industry of lost support due to the expenses made on this old style infrastructure
- the long-term costs to BC
- downriver environmental effects (eg to Wood Buffalo National Park)

I frankly don't believe (or trust) your assertion that the debt cost to BC to stop is a worse financial choice than proceeding. The NDP government has made a good political show of giving the choice consideration, but I suspect always held a plan to proceed to support old-tech union jobs over environment as they always have in my lifetime and sadly apparently will continue to do.

It is never too late to turn back when you're on the wrong road.

In case you have not yet been introduced to it, please find attached a document that assists cities, countries and states in their shift to 100% renewable energy. It can also be found at: <http://www.go100re.net> I have no affiliation with this group, other than as a student and supporter of renewable energy. The transition of our energy systems must be rapid, socially equitable and environmentally responsible.

Thank-you,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 11:49 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Thank you

Dr Mr Horgan:

Thank you for your leadership this week. You showed leadership and cool-headed scientific analysis of the site C issue (and others). I'm surprised and disappointed that my MLA who IS a scientist (Andrew Weaver) bleated on incessantly with totally unscientific, politically motivated, flip flops on the issues. I have never voted NDP, but that will likely change next election in BC.

Please keep up the good work ...

Thank you

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 11:45 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

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Shame on you – You had a chance to right a wrong and didn't...

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From:
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site 'C' and alternatives

15/12/17

Hon George Heyman
Minister of Environment

Dear George:

No doubt the positive Site 'C' decision was difficult for the Horgan cabinet to make given the pressures on both sides, your own understanding of environmental losses, the near certainty of significant cost over-runs and the uncertainty of future demand and prices for electricity.

For all that, I remain concerned that the government's choice will be undermined by events as they unfold. I was reminded of this earlier today with the announcement that:

"The Alberta Electricity System Operator has set up a Renewable Electricity Program to encourage the development of 5,000 MW of utility-scale renewables by 2030. This first round of the program was a competitive process where renewable developers bid for 20-year contracts. Four projects, totalling 595 MW, won with a weighted average price of \$37/MWh (equivalent to 3.7 ¢/kWh). This is lower than the cost of gas-fired electricity, even at today's very low natural gas prices. And of course it is cheaper than coal with CCS (estimated at 14 ¢/kWh for Boundary Dam in Saskatchewan."

(Fuller story at: <http://www.pembina.org/blog/three-reasons-to-celebrate-alberta-s-first-procurement-of-renewables>)

As noted, Alberta's projected cost/prices are lower than would result from natural gas generation and lower than the likely cost of Site 'C' electricity. Moreover, this development adds weight to the argument that if Alberta and adjacent US markets are successful with their alternative energy projects, any BC surplus electricity will either have no export market or will be sold at a significant loss.

Rapidly changing technology and markets also lend credibility to concerns that as other jurisdictions forge ahead with 21st century energy technologies and the development of the associated highly-skilled human capital, BC will be held back by over-investment in 19th Century technology (and a possible white elephant) and a relatively under-skilled energy sector labour force.

As you know, a lot of BC citizens share these concerns and are anxious to see whether our government will be flexible enough to respond creatively to events as they unfold.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:52 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Mr. Horgan,

I am very pleased with many of the changes that have been implemented or are coming: funds for child care, increased disability payments, reduction in health care premiums, assistance with rent, but I was profoundly disappointed in your Site C decision. If we can't afford \$4 Billion for reclamation, how are we going to pay for \$12 Billion or more to continue this debacle? That's what I need to know.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:16 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: criminal ignorance

You have just lost all your credibility and your word is now worth nothing.

How the hell can you morally lead now.

IMO it is criminal for politicians to continually make statements of intention and promises from ignorance just to get elected.

I guess Kinder Morgan is going to be the next dagger in the heart of BCers who voted you in on your word to give them social democracy instead of corporate democracy.

I have no sympathy for you and your so-called difficult decision.
Being ignorant of the full facts just means that you as good as lied to get elected.

Site C is a disaster for the Peace people, not necessary and in the end will only fuel further pollution of BC.

You have done nothing about the fish farms that have almost wiped out our precious wild pacific salmon.

In the end if we don't have our environment, we have nothing.

Remember this day as the beginning of your end and the end of the NDP.

RIP NDP

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

s.22

From:
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 9:52 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

From: s.22

Sir

I have voted NDP for 4 decades , i live in the comox valley where your party was elected by a handful of votes in the last election ... you have lost my vote , i am so disappointed in your decision to complete this 1950's style megaproject .

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 9:35 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C and Consequences

Dear Premier Horgan,

I fully support your difficult Site C decision. You are more aware than I about the NDP history and what befell Mike Harcourt. I trust you have the mettle to deal with any modern day Glen Clarks, Dan Millers, and Moe Sihotas.

A long time NDP supporter.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

s.22

From:
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 9:09 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C dam

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am one of the many citizens who wrote to ask you to stop the construction of the Site C dam. As such, I'm appalled at your decision to let the project proceed. As you yourself stated prior to your election, it will be a violation of the rights of Indigenous people in the Peace River Valley. The project will not save BC taxpayers money, as reported by the BC Utilities Commission; nor is it necessary to provide jobs, since the province currently has a worker shortage in a number of sectors, including construction.

Everyone is aware of the money that has already been spent on the project, but to proceed is simply throwing good money after bad, especially as there are predictions that the final costs will significantly exceed current estimates. This plays into the negative stereotype of the NDP as a fiscally-irresponsible party.

Broken election promises, treaty violations and wasted taxpayer money will not be forgotten the next time we go to the polls. I still hope to see your government reverse this unjustifiable decision.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:56 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear **Premier John Horgan:**

I am outraged over the claim that a small, short-term cost saving could ever justify the violation of Indigenous rights. An independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission confirmed that there are less destructive alternatives that, despite the money already spent, may still be cheaper in the long run. Therefore, I am calling for your government to keep its promise to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, not just in some places, but everywhere in BC including the Peace River Valley. Considering that you previously acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution, I urge your government to at least ensure that no further harm is done while the issue of Treaty rights obligations remains unresolved.

Sincerely,

s.22

Provenance : Courrier pour Windows 10

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:35 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bowinn.Ma@leg.bc.ca; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: Site C decision riles Richmond New Democrats

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

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:25 AM
To: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Site C Decision

How can you speak of a \$4 billion debt, when about \$2.1 billion has ALREADY BEEN PAID, and recovering the site, as many locals say, will take care of itself? How can spending \$10.7 billion save us more than roughly \$0 billion???

s.22

On 2017-12-14 11:33 AM, Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX wrote:

Ref.: 103182

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I understand that this may not have been the outcome you hoped for, and want to assure you that as this project continues, we will honour and respect the commitment demonstrated by those who oppose Site C and share in their determination to move British Columbia to a better future.

Our Government will address many of the concerns we heard from British Columbians throughout the province with a number of conditions and initiatives including:

- A new Project Assurance Board that will provide independent oversight to future contract procurement and management, project deliverables, environmental integrity, and quality assurance – all within the mandate of delivering the project on time and budget. Based on current projections, BC Hydro has revised the budget to \$10.7 billion.
- Establishing new Community Benefits Programs mandated with ensuring that project benefits assist local communities, and increasing the number of apprentices and First Nations workers hired onto the project.
- Ensuring a Peace River Legacy Fund implements solutions to longer-term environmental, social and economic issues.
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Our Government remains fully committed to meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples - to working in partnership with all First Nations, and to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Once again, I want to thank you for your valuable perspective on this issue. I am committed to continuing a dialogue with all British Columbians as the project proceeds.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mungall

Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources



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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:24 AM
To: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Site C Decision

Michelle Mungall
Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
Thank you for your response below.

You have nothing to apologize for - your government made the right decision on Site C - congratulations!

Please do not cave-in to all those groups who cannot accept this decision - they are basically all out-to-lunch!

Hydro power IS green energy - the best we have!

Merry Christmas,

s.22

From: "Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX"
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 12:07:12 PM
Subject: Site C Decision

Ref.: 103182

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Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 7:45 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX; Krog.MLA, Leonard LASS:EX; S.22 Craig Keating
Subject: I intend to keep up the fight against Site C from here on out

Dear Premier John Horgan

I fully support this letter below - I intend to keep up the fight against Site C from here on out

s.22

Letter from NDP4LEAP

Dear Premier Horgan,

Allow us to introduce ourselves. We are New Democrats for Leap, and passionate proponents of climate justice, with supporters across the country. When our party was elected to government in British Columbia, we were thrilled and assumed that this stunning victory would be a big boost to the reframing of the NDP as the party of ecological and climate justice.

We are well aware of the ecological and financial mess that the very right wing Liberal government left you with. But we anticipated that you would act courageously to renounce the wrong-headed and destructive path of Christy Clark. While campaigning in the provincial election, you made serious criticisms about the negative effects of building the Site C dam. You challenged Clark's support for this project noting huge financial overruns and worrisome geotechnical challenges (tension cracks where the dam is being built)—neither of which has gone away.

Please understand our outrage over the claim that accepting the logic of having to continue with this project because of money already spent by a corrupt Liberal government could ever justify the violation of Indigenous rights. The UN Committee on the Ending of Racial Discrimination expressed its concern over the violation of First Nations rights when it recommended the halting of the dam project until a full review of its effects on Indigenous land, in this case, treaty land, could be carried out. The panel urged Canada to “identify alternatives to irreversible destruction of Indigenous lands.” The area to be flooded, over 80 kilometres of forest and 7000

acres of highly productive agricultural land, also contains the burial grounds of First Nations people. Moreover, the dam site has been a fruitful source of ancient archaeological finds that remain to be explored. That valuable historical information will be lost forever with the flooding of the valley.

It is wrong to accept the advice of KPMG, which typically places private sector profits before considerations of social and ecological harm. It is our understanding that the independent review carried out by the BC Utilities Commission confirmed that there are less destructive alternatives for energy generation which, despite the money already spent, may still prove cheaper in the long run. We also appreciate the huge financial consequences of proceeding with a project, plagued with cost overruns, that appears to be heading to a bill that would exceed \$11 billion. This expense would deplete the provincial treasury and divert investment from cheaper renewable energy sources such as geothermal, solar, and wind. The City of Richmond already exploits geothermal energy resulting in considerable generation. These alternatives would not only be more cost effective, they would generate thousands of new jobs, jobs which would not destroy waterways, fish, bird, and animal habitat, and the traditional lands of indigenous peoples. B.C. needs employment opportunities but it is faulty thinking to assume Site C is the only choice for jobs in the renewable sector. In fact, it's the worst choice. The 2500 jobs now offered by this project come with a formidable price-tag, not only to the public, but to the integrity of a government that pledged to protect the environment and indigenous rights.

We are aware that some First Nations have signed impact benefit agreements with B.C. Hydro over Site C, and we respect that they have negotiated items they deem important to their communities. But we have to ask—in this relationship of asymmetrical power—how much choice do communities lacking resources actually have? Why would an NDP government give credence to agreements that inherently ravage indigenous land when much better arrangements can be developed over smaller, gentler, truly green energy projects that leave traditional use of the land intact?

Flooding a massive area of land used for farming and First Nations cultural use, including burial plots, is surely a Faustian bargain, which will cause us to lose our soul as social justice folks in the end.

What you do has an impact on our party across provinces and at the federal level. When you act well on behalf of Indigenous people and environmental protection, you inspire all of the Party. When you fail, we all fail.

We are aware and we do not forget that you, as Premier, have previously acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution. This issue has never been addressed or resolved. This is no small matter. We are deeply disheartened that you have failed to part ways with the disgraceful traditions of previous and current governments which routinely violate the rights of Indigenous peoples. We urgently need our party to break with this horrible history, and pattern of betrayal.

We call on you and your government to keep its promise to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation, not just in some places, but everywhere in BC including the Peace River Valley. We also call on you and your government to guarantee uninterrupted employment for workers already employed in the dam

construction and for new First Nations workers by turning to investment in renewable energy sources which do not destroy the Peace Valley ecology.

Yours for Climate Justice,

Harry Kopyto, Gord Doctorow

Co-coordinators NDP4LEAP

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From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 12:01 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX; Dean.MLA, Mitzi LASS:EX
Subject: To the NDP government of British Columbia, Canada:

Does the NDP now have a policy of ignoring Indigenous issues? We have the Site C Dam decision against Indigenous land (yes I've read **Attorney General Eby's** rationale and I'm supposed to believe brilliant NDP minds and "financial experts" can't come up with a better solution?). We have Minister Popham and Premier Horgan letting the Norwegian fish farms restock their diseased Atlantic salmon in the open water net farms (thus imperilling the wild Pacific salmon). Meanwhile the Indigenous people occupying the fish farms (in their own territory) face court injunctions while the BC fish lab is being "studied". And now I see **Minister Donaldson** is allowing forestry permits in Haida Gwaii without the consent of the Haida. Do you not see a pattern here **Minister Fraser**?

And while we're on the subject of forestry, I see the wolf kill is being started up again, scapegoating wolves for the dwindling numbers of caribou when in fact forestry practices have decimated caribou habitat. Where is your plan for the caribou? I see old growth forests here on Vancouver Island are about to be totally destroyed and government isn't even sure what has been logged. When will you fix the forestry practices? When will you stop uselessly killing wolves? Hmmm **Minister Donaldson**? Hmmm **Minister Heyman**?

And while we're on the subject of big predators when are you going to completely ban grizzly hunting? Trophy hunters will exploit the loophole of hunting "for food". I'm informed that nobody eats grizzly, it's not tasty. So we have to rely on Raincoast Conservation buying up hunting tenures and Indigenous people outlawing grizzly hunting on their territory because you, the NDP, have not come up with an effective solution. Even though banning the trophy hunt was an election promise. Hmmm **Minister Heyman**? **Premier Horgan**?

Returning to the subject of protecting the BC coast, what are you doing about the loopholes in the Federal "moratorium" (so called) on shipping traffic that allows articulated tugboats? The Nathan E Stewart sunk last year releasing fuel that decimated the Heiltsuk shellfish beds. Just recently there was a very close call with the tug Jake Shearer (loaded with 10,000 tons of oil product) when it became separated from its barge very close to the rocks in Hecate Strait. Is it part of your anti-Indigenous strategy to do nothing? Where was/is that so-called "world class" spill response? Might this be within your purview **Minister Trevena** or perhaps yours **Minister Heyman**?

And getting back to the subject of the Site C dam, why aren't the NDP incentivizing solar, geothermal and wind power? Alberta is apparently now training oil patch workers to install solar and Saskatchewan is working on geothermal. What is BC doing besides building expensive, behind schedule, over budget useless dams that do not have Indigenous consent, threaten rare ecosystems and valuable farmland and evict people who have worked this land for generations????? Hmmm **Minister Mungall**? **Premier Horgan**?

Christy Clark and the BC Liberals relentlessly prostituted this amazing province in every way they could think of. NDP promised to fix the damage. When???

Next election my vote goes elsewhere if things don't improve soon. And that's why I'm telling you **Mitzi Dean** because I voted for you and that brought in the rest of this crew. And by the way, I'm not Indigenous. But I

believe the Indigenous people have the best practices and strongest motivation to preserve this amazing province.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:54 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Uphold Indigenous Rights at Site C

For the eyes of those who speak and act in government. Ignore any financial pressure (english is hard), and do as the subject line says. Uphold Indigenous Rights at Site C. I'm gonna copy and paste a thing.

""The provincial government should live up to the principles of reconciliation and human rights protection that it promised when it was elected. If it doesn't have the courage or conviction to stop the dam outright, it must ensure that no further harm is done to vital animal habitat, cultural sites and multi-generation family farms while the the outstanding issue of Treaty rights is resolved. It would be fundamentally unjust for the courts to rule in favour of the First Nations after the harm had already been done.

Please let BC Premier John Horgan know that he's wrong to ignore the human rights of Indigenous peoples in the Peace River Valley""

So yeah, you speak for the taxpayers because they pay your salary. If you speak for anyone that pays you, I don't know what that would make you. Not an elected official. Anyways, I've no clue how the whole government thing works. Good luck! If you're feeling stuck, rocks are preferable to hard places.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:55 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: I object

Premier John Horgan

I am outraged and in disbelief over your recent announcement. Your decision to go ahead with Site-C is a Trump-like act. I am shocked but not surprised that the Trump effect has leaked across the border. I do not look forward yet expect to see more short-sighted and corporate-centred decisions coming out of your administration.

It is unfortunate that after ridding this province of the trashy Liberal politicians we are once again fighting over the same demands that helped YOU come in to power.

Shame!

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:47 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C dam

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:39 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Site C dam

Dear John

I can't believe an NDP government could disregard public opinion, trample on indigenous rights and approve such a terrible mega project.

Did I miss something ?

I would appreciate knowing how you came to justify this decision.

Thanks and regards

s.22

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:42 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Site C dam

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:22 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Indigenous rights

Mr Premier Horgan,

Expressing outrage over the claim that a small, short-term cost saving could ever justify the violation of Indigenous rights.

Thanks for your attention and season's greetings,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:32 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam Betrayal

Dear Premier Horgan :

I was very happy to welcome your government and optimistic about what could be done. However, despite everything we know about habitat destruction, the loss of land, and financial responsibility, the site C dam has been approved.

You have wasted an opportunity to show leadership, to do good, and to set a better path for the future. Worse, you and the government have betrayed our trust, betrayed our votes, betrayed our province.

You've lost my support and your party has lost my vote. Perhaps you'll lose the support of the Greens as well and, hence, your government.

Sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:31 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: thank you

Thank you for keeping the site C dam open. Such a perfect way to harness clean electric power. I have no idea why anyone would be against it except first nations who seem to be against everything. No way to now how much we will need in the future with all the people coming to BC, I am sure future generations will appreciate the power.... Thanks again.S.22

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From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:22 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Site C: "Keep fighting."

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From: Craig Benjamin at Amnesty International <members@amnesty.ca>
Date: Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 4:38 PM
Subject: Site C: "Keep fighting."
To: s.22

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"To our allies, we say, 'keep fighting.'"

Dear s.22

Our hearts go out to First Nations families in the Peace River Valley who learned yesterday that BC Premier John Horgan wants to allow the destruction of their land and their history by completing the Site C dam. [You can read Amnesty International's statement here.](#)

Premier Horgan made the announcement despite his promises to uphold Indigenous rights and previous statements acknowledging that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate Treaty 8.

However, Chief Lynette Tsakova of Prophet River First Nation has written, "To our allies, we say, 'keep fighting.'" And we will. Stay tuned as we develop new strategies in support of First Nations in the Peace River Valley.

Meanwhile, here are two things you can do now:

1. Please continue sharing messages of solidarity on social media using the hashtag **#WithThePeaceRiver**
2. Let Premier Horgan know he was wrong to turn his back on the rights Indigenous peoples. [**You can find instructions here >>**](#)

Thank you for being one of the more than 120,000 Canadians who've spoken out in solidarity with the Indigenous peoples of the Peace River Valley – and for not giving up. Thousands of Amnesty supporters from across Canada have written letters, contacted their MPs and the BC government, gathered petition signatures, organized demonstrations and much more.

When Amnesty supporters from around the world added their voices during Write for Rights last year,

we filmed members of Treaty 8 opening thousands of letters and solidarity messages. [You can watch what your messages mean to the community here >>](#)



The West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations have announced that they will continue their fight in court. But this is an unfair burden for them to bear. The provincial government should live up to the principles of reconciliation and human rights protection that it promised when it was elected.

Thank you for not giving up and for continuing to share your solidarity with people on the frontlines of this struggle.

Yours sincerely,

Craig Benjamin
Indigenous Rights Campaigner
Amnesty International Canada
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:16 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Site C

I have watched your excuse for approving the Site C dam. The following is my response.

BC liberals chose to start Site C irresponsibly. You and your government are choosing to continue with an illegal fatally flawed dam. I am extremely disappointed and angered. I am a peaceful caring individual, however this fight is not over.

I would love to see the 10 billion used for these schools and hospitals you speak of. s.22

s.22

This was not a difficult decision, this was easy and you chose to make it difficult. Science and facts point to the glaringly obvious choice, murky politics have somehow made a different choice. Decisions made based on poorly advised money spending.

My hydro rates will sky rocket for an unnecessary dam. The wildlife will suffer.(shipping fish around the dam, come on!) Think of the amount of food that could grow in the Peace River valley. Local organic food for our province; that is what we need. Longer more permanent jobs in more efficient renewable resources, not an out dated dam with an expiration date, providing energy we do not need. Acknowledgment of Treaty 8.

I was excited for the Green-NDP alliance. I am disappointed to see the first decision made by this government shows no change from the Liberals. Do not blame the Site C dam on the liberals. You are are continuing this. You are to blame.

s.22

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:14 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C approval - and an apology

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:34 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John ; Weaver.MLA, Andrew ; Michael Crawford ; Tony Brumell
Subject: Fwd: Site C approval - and an apology

Dear Premier John Horgan

Please accept my apology for the response that I sent yesterday regarding the decision to move forward with the building of the Site C dam. You did not deserve that response. I realize after reading a response from one passionate activist who was not as quick as myself to condemn the decision, that I was wrong to react in such a manner. There are many factors that I am unaware of and I chose to rant rather than wait patiently for details and understanding.

Sincerely, s.22

Begin forwarded message:

From s.22
Subject: Site C approval
Date: December 11, 2017 at 1:02:05 PM PST
To: "John Horgan.MLA" <john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: Andrew Weaver <andrew.weaver.mla@leg.bc.ca>, Michael Crawford
s.22

Dear Premier John Horgan

I cannot tell you how disappointed I am in your government's decision to allow Site C to be built. How is this decision working towards "Building a Better B.C" ? I truly believed that your government would listen to the experts who spoke to the research that stated this would not be in the best interests of the people of B.C. Then, Mr. Premier, who are you serving? What is your justification to approve this project? What is the economic basis of your approval?

Sincerely, s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:13 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Site C

Hi Premier
I am against Site C.
We must redirect funds to renewable energy.
Remediation of Site C sight does not have to Cost \$2 billion.
s.22



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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:10 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier Horgan

I am one of many who have donated both money and time to help the NDP win the last provincial election and want to convey how let down I feel about your decision to carry on with Site C. It goes without saying I think it is absolutely stupid and short sighted. If those still engaged in the fight to save it do not succeed (and I'm determined they will) we will have lost a significant source of food which, given the California wildfire situation where even the seeds of trees are being burned, we will need very soon. Plus the wildlife. I don't want to live on a planet where humans are the only living species. And we need other species to live. And flooding the river valley, and all its vegetation will result in even greater global warming because the rotting vegetation will produce methane, an even more potent greenhouse gas than what is produced by burning conventional fossil fuels (of course we need to cut back on those as well). You would save face (and money – you could reimpose the toll on the Lower Mainland bridges) rather than lose it by going back on this decision. The economy must serve people and the planet rather than the other way around, which seems to have been the way of all politicians to date. This has to change.

Yours truly s.22
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:56 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Project C in the Peace River Valley

Good afternoon:

As a very concerned citizen who is adamantly against another dam on the Peace River, I implore you to reconsider this decision to forge on with this project. There is absolutely no reason to continue. In your address to the media you stated that this project “should not go forward” and still you are allowing this. The cost to stop the project \$4B is what you stated. The cost to complete \$10.4B – why would you take a \$6.4B cost to complete the project. It is unhealthy for the environment, it is NOT needed, this is some of the most fertile soil in the Peace River Valley that will soon be under water. The Indigenous people do not deserve to be ignored by the B.C. Government, the ecology and habitat of wildlife do not need to be destroyed by this decision, and the beauty of this valley needs to be sustained and respected for future generations. s.22

s.22 The Peace River has 2 dams built on it and a 3rd one is just ridiculous to even be considered. Despite the fact that the Liberal government approved this project, it is up to you to put a stop to it immediately despite any ramifications from those opposed to doing so.

The people of B.C. voted your party into power for a good number of reasons, one being a government that will stand up and protect this beautiful province, it’s wildlife and it’s future against these multi-billion dollar companies who care not what they do to destroy the planet all in the name of progress and making sure their CEO’s receive their multi-million dollar salaries, stakeholders receive their millions and the shareholders are happily receiving their dividends.

As a citizen of this country, I’m sick and tired of trying to vote in a government who will stand up and say NO once and for all.

You couldn’t say NO to the trophy bear hunting, so I don’t expect much to be done about my concerns with project C. I’ve all but given up on voting as I’ve voted for every party and still nothing changes.

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:39 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam Approval

Mr Horgan,

I was very disappointed to hear of your government's approval of the continued construction of the Site C Dam on Monday!! While I recognize that it was a very difficult decision to make given the position you were put in by the previous government your government clearly made the wrong decision. In fact, your decision during the last election campaign to not declare your intention to cancel the project if elected, appears to be a distinctly cynical, jaded political move designed to avoid opposition from the Liberals and people working on the dam while giving the appearance that you would consider the findings of the Utilities Commission and act on them.

Well, on Monday afternoon I listened to Robert McCullough, a member of the expert advisory panel which presented to your caucus recently on the BCUC report, on CBC Radio. He stated that in your announcement of the continuation of the Site C project, you, "almost completely ignore" recommendations made by the panel. So much for evidence-based decision making! McCullough went on to state that the BCUC found there was "no cost advantage to proceeding" with the dam. In fact, the cost of equivalent renewable energy compared to the remaining cost of the dam, according to Mr. McCullough, is about half (and continues to decrease). Perhaps most importantly, he told listeners, that, contrary to your statements, a large Hydro rate increase would not result from cancellation of the project, because the amortization period of the loan to finance the dam is 70 years. This would also appear to contradict your claim that repaying the loan would seriously jeopardize BC's ability to fund important projects in areas such as health and education.

Cancelling the Site C Dam would have taken guts, but it would clearly have been the right decision. You blew it. Your government doesn't deserve to be re-elected, and I certainly will never vote NDP again. I had high hopes for you. But they were obviously misplaced!

Disappointed, but not surprised,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:39 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Bowinn.Ma@leg.bc.ca
Subject: B.C.'s Site C dam 'a stain' on reconciliation with Indigenous people in Canada: experts | Metro Vancouver

<http://metronews.ca/news/vancouver/2017/12/12/site-c-a-stain-on-reconciliation-experts.html?platform=hootsuite>

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:36 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; info@bcgreens.ca
Subject: Site C

Along with Clarks play with our children's education and similar BS regarding LNG and the site C Dam we now seem to have a another provincial government that not only doesn't listen but insists on screwing with the future of our children.

Leave the land and waters alone and do the job of protecting our home.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:33 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Contribution to BC NDP

Following your betrayal, an experience I live through once before in Ontario with the Rae government, I am terminating my monthly contributions to the BC NDP and will instead, give to the First Nations efforts to stop Site C.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:19 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site c - Three years' DAM work should be reversed for the sake of BC's next 30 or 300 years!!!

-----Original Message-----

From s.22

Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 4:42 PM

To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; James.MLA, Carole <Carole.James.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: Site c - Three years' DAM work should be reversed for the sake of BC's next 30 or 300 years!!!

Sadly,
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:16 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: No to Site C

No to site C
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:15 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: SITE C - 12/13/2017 -- 06
Attachments: Site C; Site C; Close down the Site C dam

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:13 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: SITE C - 12/13/2017 -- 05
Attachments: Congratulations ; Site C Dam; FW: SITE C HYDRO-ELECTRIC DAM; site C; Re site C

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:12 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Furious!!!!

It has taken me a day to come to terms with this huge betrayal and to be able to remain even slightly polite. Your excuses don't work for many British Columbian and I am one of them.

You had an opportunity to be a great leader and you have failed us badly. We could be a world leader in renewable energy and instead are stuck with the huge costs of ancient technology. It is not Green in any sense. It is not needed. It is hugely expensive and my grandchildren will still be paying for your inability to find a way to move on. You are disrespectful to the process and to our First Nations.

Another nail in the coffin of Mother Earth.

I look forward to the day we can vote you out. Another Christy.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:07 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: SITE C - 12/13/2017 -- 04
Attachments: Brilliant!; Betrayal; KInder Morgan; Site C Dam Decision; Thank you for working hard for our Province

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:06 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: SITE C - 12/13/2017 -- 03
Attachments: Congratulations.; On Site C Dam: YOU BETRAYED YOUR PEOPLE!; Site C; Sell out; Site C

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:05 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: SITE C - 12/13/2017 -- 02
Attachments: Site C; Site C; SITE C DAM; Site C - shame on you. You have proven to be just as corrupt as the BC Liberals.

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:04 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear Sir:

You have recently thrown your weight behind continuing with the construction of the Site C Dam, despite your campaign promise to uphold the rights of the indigenous peoples in British Columbia.

You have let them down.

There are a good many reasons why **the project should not go forward.**

The social and environmental impacts will be devastating. This has been concluded by the government appointed environmental impact assessment.

The Peace River Valley is among the few remaining places in northeast BC where indigenous peoples can still practise their cultures and traditions, which are central to indigenous identity and also impact the health and sustenance of Dunne-Zaa and Cree families in the area. Hunting, fishing and gathering of berries and plant medicines are all part of their cultures and traditions and impact their health. The government appointed environmental impact assessment concluded that the impact of allowing the Dam project to go forward would be severe, permanent and irreversible. So much would be irretrievably lost. **Please protect what is there and should remain.**

There is no justification for the completion of the Dam.

Even considering the amount already spent, continuing the project offers little or no financial benefit to the province when compared with other, less destructive alternatives. This view is supported by the findings of the recent independent review by the BC Utilities Commission.

A new strategy for energy conservation and development is needed.

The Federal and provincial governments acknowledge that they never even considered whether the Dam was compatible with their Treaty obligations to First Nations under Treaty 8. Their approval was unjust.

The First Nations should not have to go to court to obtain what are their inalienable rights under Treaty and under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples..

You must STOP Site C Dam and send a clear message to all British Columbians and all Canadians that the lives, culture and economies of First Nations really matter and that your promise to stand with them is no longer an empty campaign promise.

Please consider all of the above deeply and make a just decision. It is up to you now.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:04 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: SITE C - 12/13/2017 -- 01
Attachments: Unbelievable Betrayal; Site C; Bc Hydro Site C and marijuana Smoking; Courage on Site C decision; Decision on continuing the Site C dam

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:53 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Congratulations of the Site C decision.

Dear Premier Horgan,

As a long-time free enterpriser...I want to congratulate you on the tough decision you made...to proceed with the Cite C dam!

Thank you and Cheers,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:53 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fw: A challenge to the government (corrected text!)

From: s.22
Sent: December 13, 2017 10:59 AM
To: s.22
Subject: A challenge to the government (corrected text!)

My apologies for sending out Rob's email last night which contained three very unfortunate typos, and thanks to the many eagle-eyed Solidarity signatories who alerted me. I also neglected to include Robert McCullough's comments. Here they are, following Rob Botterell's corrected text.

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From: Rob Botterell

Subject: Public E-Mail to Attorney General David Eby and Environment Minister George Heyman

Date: December 12, 2017 8:00:44 AM PST

Attorney General Eby and Environment Minister Heyman:

Given the urgency of this matter I am corresponding by e-mail.

Your collective Cabinet decision to complete Site C yesterday was justified primarily on the basis, "that if we abandoned the Site C project, we would incur an immediate \$3-4bn public charge on either hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers."

This statement is not true.

Please refer to attached memorandum from Robert McCullough.

Our independent energy expert, Robert McCullough also addressed this matter in his presentation to you at Cabinet on November 30th, 2017.

You apparently received other technical analysis and/or legal advice (which we have never seen) that contradicts Mr. McCullough's expert advice to you.

Your Cabinet then proceeded to rely on this pivotal advice as the basis to complete Site C without first contacting Mr. McCullough to resolve this key difference.

Please note that Mr. McCullough offered after the cabinet meeting to meet

with your officials to review any questions they may have had regarding his presentation. They never did.

Accordingly, your collective Cabinet decision to complete Site C is without legitimacy and without justification.

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 regarding a \$3-4bn public charge on either hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers from the cancellation of Site C.

Further, we call on you and your colleagues in Cabinet and Caucus to provide Robert McCullough a full, fair, open and transparent opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues to respond to this asserted, and unproven, reason for continuing Site C.

We request a response to the above forthwith and further that remobilization of Site C construction be placed on hold pending the requested meeting and further consideration by Cabinet and Caucus of this issue.

Regards

Rob Botterell

Legal Counsel to PVLA and PVEA

MCCULLOUGH RESEARCH

ROBERT F. MCCULLOUGH, JR. PRINCIPAL

Date: December 11, 2017

To: Ken Boon, Rob Botterell

From: Robert McCullough

Subject: Comments on the Materials from Mr. Eby

Mr. Eby stated that “that if we abandoned the Site C project, we would incur an immediate \$3-4bn public charge on either hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers.” It is unfortunate that Mr. Eby received incorrect information, but Mr. Eby's best path would have been to check with the BCUC for guidance on standard regulatory practice.

I gather that Mr. Eby was unaware that the BCUC calculations had set amortization periods for the sunk costs and the reclamation expenses. The analysis assumed a seventy-year amortization period for the sunk costs of \$2.1 billion. They also assumed a thirty-year amortization period for the reclamation costs. In passing, their estimate of the reclamation costs was quite a bit higher than the evidence. Both BC Hydro and Deloitte forecasted costs in the \$1 to \$1.2 billion range.

Regulatory practice puts the amortization of prudently undertaken utility investments as an issue in the purview of the regulatory commission. An Order in Council can direct the BCUC to choose different amortization periods, but this would simply be an exercise in self-inflicted pain.

If an asset is recognized by regulators as an earning asset, the usual

policy would be to write it down on the same schedule as that set by the regulatory commission. Again, the Cabinet can choose to accelerate the depreciation of an earning asset, but this would be a second way to cause their constituents injury.

It appears from Mr. Eby's letter that he believes that the financing of the \$2.1 billion sunk costs has been held in abeyance. This is a curious belief. British Columbia has a continuous financing program designed to balance cash requirements and cash inflows. These needs drive the province's issuance of bonds. The province has already spent the \$2.1 billion dollars and the cash has been disbursed. The cash is found through taxes and the sale of bonds. For a long-term capital asset like Site C, the province would normally issue thirty-year bonds which, indeed, is what the province has done.

Mr. Eby has also raised a concern that Moody's (the only bond rating firm that has expressed concerns about BC Hydro's unusual finances) would react negatively to the recovery of the \$2.1 billion. Regulatory recovery of the costs of termination is a very common practice in the utility business and is addressed in every utility's annual report. However, the proposed solution is to propose spending \$8 billion more on an asset that could be replaced for only \$4 billion. This, indeed, may concern the bond raters and has been a factor in the downrating of the two provinces - Manitoba and Newfoundland - who have followed the proposed path.

As I concluded recently:

BC's triple A rating was just confirmed and will not be downgraded by cancelling Site C. BC is already financing the \$2.1 billion in sunk costs with 30-year bonds at a cost of \$ 57 million per year, not \$300-400 million per year. Even if the inflated \$1.8 billion in termination costs are added, cancelling Site C will save ratepayers at least \$266 million/year or \$123/household in 2024.

If Mr. Eby and his colleagues wish amplification, I am a willing volunteer.

Short bio of Mr. McCullough here
<https://www.mresearch.com/robert-mccullough-short-bio/> (note his role in initiating the Enron investigations.)

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:46 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: The Peace River dam

Please do think of the impact of your government disregarding and disrespecting indigenous opinions and rights.
Economic growth is not the Holy Grail

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:44 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Andrew Weaver – BC Greens
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear Premier Horgan

I am deeply disappointed in your decision to continue with the Site C dam mega-project. I expected a new kind of leadership from you in what I consider very serious times for our world. I don't see how I can continue to place my trust in this government.

sadly yours

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:31 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C!!

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This is typical premier!! Once you have secured the people's trust and have the position you so pathetically promised with untruths to protect the rights of animal/human habitat, after the trash speech, what happened!! "don't you see the devastation and heartache you, yes you, are creating" Those indigenous people's welcomed you into their lands; their homes; their table, and you sucked up this welcoming mat with alcohol/residential schools/dishonest trade, then finally their land. "what does your soul say premier?" you will have to be accountable one day like the rest of creation."

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:31 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Olsen.MLA, Adam LASS:EX
Subject: Site C

Bad decision, Mr. Horgan! I had hoped that BC NDP was far-sighted enough to recognize that big dams are NOT the way of the future, especially one with as much baggage as Site C. Your government has delivered a huge disappointment to many of us who voted NDP and I confidently predict that it will hurt you in future.

It pains me to send this message in a season of goodwill. I wish for you that your future decisions in office will be wiser and that you and the party will be able to win back our support.

Respectfully,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:28 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: site c

A sign of a strong leadership is to be able to admit when you have made a mistake. I get that you agonized over this decision and even though I feel you made the wrong decision, know it was not easy. One concern is that the cost overruns for site c will be added to by the inevitable litigation costs that will no doubt occur, causing delays while maintaining uncertainty and unrest, a sad formula for a government and economy. In the meantime, solar and wind alternatives could already be off and running, driving us to a cleaner future. Additionally, I am concerned about the loss of farmland. Given the changing climate and the inevitable collapse of agriculture in California, this land will become increasingly valuable for food supply. If we lose this land to site c, are there other options for such as vast tract of arable land? As I see it now, electricity has other viable options now but food production does not, unless you can reassure me otherwise. Thank you for considering my thoughts and concerns.

sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:21 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Observations on the Site C Dam from a Ph.D. in Physics
Attachments: 171119_horgan.pdf; ATT00001.txt

To the honourable John Horgan:

I wish to express my support for your decision to continue with the construction of the site C dam. I believe under the circumstances it is the correct decision. I know that is was a difficult decision. It was basically a Hobson's choice between two distasteful alternatives that was left on your desk by your political predecessor. You will be damned if you do and damned if you don't. Please excuse the pun, but you have my sympathies. You will be taking political heat for this decision and that is unfortunate. However you have my support.

I wrote to you previously to express support for continuing the site C dam. I do not know if it played any roll in your deliberations as I would assume that what points went into that decision were many and complex. My main point was my alarm that site C would be cancelled mainly under the premise that it could be replaced with renewables like wind and solar advertised as being less costly, less invasive and more flexible. None of this is true. Wind and other intermittent renewables are not a replacement for Site C at any price.

From emails and newspaper articles from environmental groups and from your political coalition, It appeared that pressure for renewables was intense. I wished to counter that pressure.

If you so desire you can read my opinion after the fact if you have not done so already. It could add to your future assessment concerning your decision.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:19 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

You are selling out people, land and resources by building this dam.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:15 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear Premier,

I strongly support the First Nations in the Peace River Valley in their opposition to your government's plan to build a dam that will impinge on their territories.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:13 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Deeply Sad about Cite C Decision

Dear Honourable Premier, Mr. John Horgan:

The day after the decision was aired, I (as a committed member of the NDP) received a request for a donation.

Feeling betrayed by an NDP government that made a decision which was, I believe, a monstrous mistake, I feel torn in two.

If I, personally, have made payments on something which turns out to be NOT a good idea, I don't continue flinging good money after bad. Christy Clark, whose big hero is Wacky Bennet, wanted to create a gigantic legacy to herself. Now—we, as NDPers are going to ensure that her boondoggle gets paid for, even though doing so is unethical, unconstitutional, economically stupid, and environmentally unsound. WHY are we going to spend BC money fighting court challenges that are on the right side. Newfoundland is deeply sorry for its fixation with the megaproject at Muskrat Falls. If we don't change our decision, we're going to be in a similar sorry position.

Be brave, John Horgan.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:11 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site -C

Dear Mr. Governor Sir,

I am still crying. I think I am becoming dehydrated from water loss, but I can't stop.

Have you shed any tears lately?

Yours,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:07 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Michael McLuhan MPA; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C dam

Dear Premier Horgan,

Your recent decision to allow a go ahead with site C dam in Northern BC is deeply disappointing to me. It underlines my doubts about the NDP as a party capable of dealing with the business community in the clearly new way . This however s required for an equitable and sustainable society to develop and survive. I do understand that a credit rating is important for a Province to function. However business deals made between investors and the previous administration must not be honoured ,if they have shown to be deeply unjust, ecologically degrading and very uneconomical to boot. It is time to rethink all election promises and not let the North suffer for "bon bons" in the populated South of the province.

Show me that the NDP can change deep injustice and that in deed we are all in this together.

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From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:04 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; andrew.weaver.mia@leg.bc.ca
Subject: Cite C decision

Dear Premier Horgan.

I am deeply distressed by this decision. Firstly because the reasoning is so obviously flawed, even to the layman but secondly the arrogance of your attempt to justify it by saying that you are not the first to "disappoint" the First Nations. No, you are not - and the better word would be "betray". Boyce Richardson's book "People of Terra Nullius" should be mandatory reading for anyone entering Canadian politics - they would then know just what the original occupants of this country have experienced in the way of betrayal from the Euro-Canadians.

Money is not everything and we, the tax payers, are going to suffer anyway but the greatest harm is going to be to the Environment and the First Nations and that harm cannot be repaired by money or false promises.

I beg you to reconsider this grave error before it is too late. In the meantime I regret to say that I will no longer be able to support the BCNDP.

Sincerely, s.22

cc to Dr. Andrew Weaver, Parliament Building. Victoria

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:04 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C dam

Dear Premier Horgan,

By BC electing your party we believed your promises in protecting indigenous rights and the environment against site C dam and Kinder Morgan. Neither of this has been followed by your action.

Highly disappointed and outraged I plead if construction on site C dam can't be stopped, that at least its continuation is less destructive. Reconciliation with the First nation is indisputable and has so far been totally disregarded. Most of all, the building of the dam is wasted money and serves to purpose of energy needed.

Sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:03 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Support
Attachments: ltr to Caucus Dec 12 2017.rtf

Please see attached ltr of support for all Caucus. And I raised my PAC to \$75/mth

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:53 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: NO TO SITE C

"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"

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/bcs-john-horgan-faces-ire-of-first-nations-after-site-c-approval/article37310963/>

Honourable Premier,

ACTIONS LIKE YOURS ARE WHY PEOPLE DON'T TRUST POLITICIANS.

We the peoples of BC SAID NO!

Our First Nation people, on whose land we are but uninvited guests, SAID NO.

You have zero social license to continue. Completing this project makes ZERO sense, and will forever be a weight that brings you down.

Probably, at the next election.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:48 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; libby.davies@parl.gc.ca
Subject: Site C feedback Et tu Brute?

When the "Liberals" and NDP BOTH sell out re Site C --according to Amnesty international for heaven's sake as well as the rest of us! --who am I supposed to vote for next time? The Greens? I frickin' can't stand the Greens! I'm NDP at heart, but may HAVE to hold my nose and vote Green next time to get some balance so we don't all die of ecological systems failure in the next 50 years--including food security, geniuses! But by then...prime farmland and uncaded, sacred indigenous land will be washed away. FOREVER. And it's not coming back. Et tu Brute?

And don't you DARE pass on the debt this will cause to the little guy--you better soak the corporations that will profit for all of the overrun! No more siphoning the cream off and sticking it in tax havens, while the rest of us get poorer and poorer! I'm just steaming right now--going to stop writing, but this one will be remembered as a big, black blot on the NDP.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:47 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Fraser.MLA, Scott LASS:EX
Subject: Facts and Fictions on Site C

Premier Horgan, Scott,

FACT #1: Most, if not all of the senior officials - from BC Hydro, Ministry of Finance, and Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum - advising the NDP Cabinet and Caucus in secret over the last 10 days are the same officials who recommended proceeding with Site C to Premier Christy Clark.

FICTION: The NDP Caucus and Cabinet have conducted an open, fair and transparent decision-making process providing outside experts an opportunity to know and respond to the final arguments used to justify completing Site C.

FACT #2: BC is awash in untapped renewable energy potential. BC Hydro places the wind potential of the province at 4 times that of Site C, meeting all of BC's decarbonization and electrification goals - without even considering solar and geothermal energy. BC also has back-up for intermittent renewables.

FICTION: Site C must be built to meet the electrification revolution.

FACT #3: BC's triple A rating was just confirmed and will not be downgraded by cancelling Site C. BC is already financing the \$2.1 billion in sunk costs with 30-year bonds at a cost of \$ 57 million per year, not \$300-400 million per year. Even if the inflated \$1.8 billion in termination costs are added, cancelling Site C will **save** ratepayers at least \$266 million/year or \$123/household in 2024.

FICTION: Cancelling Site C will result in a credit rating down grade, cost \$300-400 million /year leaving no money for infrastructure promised by the NDP in their election platform. Completing Site C will not punish future ratepayers.

FACT #4: Future cost overruns and problems will be owned by the NDP if Site C goes ahead. Many NDP supporters will abandon the party in the next election as the decision-making process on Site C was not open, fair and transparent.

FICTION: The NDP have no alternative but to proceed with Site C and it's the BC Liberals' fault that this dam must be completed.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:44 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam Decision

Dear Premier

I applaud the NDP government for approving the go-ahead for Site C dam construction. There have been many studies done on Site C; a lot resources have been invested in it. Energy experts report that hydroelectric is the most feasible alternative energy to fossil fuels in the province of BC, not solar or wind. To have cancelled Site C would have been a costly and unjustified mistake. So I strongly this latest decision by the government.

Sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:33 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Fraser.MLA, Scott LASS:EX
Subject: Still not too late to cancel Site C

Premier Horgan, Scott,

Given the responses I see on Facebook, it's time to get up again, and cancel this dam (damnable) project now. It will bring nothing but destruction and grief.

Not to mention mercury poisoning, and silting, and even more expenses down the line, and then it will have to be destroyed in 50 years, and all for nothing, except a big waste of money.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:31 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: A healthy BC depends on you!

Three reasons why the BC government must stop Site C.

1. The social and environmental impacts will be devastating.

Because of the massive scale of other resource development in northeast BC, including mining, logging and oil and gas development, the Peace River Valley is one of the few remaining places in the region where Indigenous peoples can still practice their cultures and traditions. Flooding the Peace River Valley will have a devastating impact on First Nations hunting, fishing and the gathering of berries and plant medicines. These are activities that are central to Indigenous identity and which continue to play a crucial role in the health and sustenance of Dunne-Zaa and Cree families in northeast BC. The government-appointed environmental impact assessment concluded that the impacts would be severe, permanent and irreversible. This is in addition to the destruction of grave and numerous cultural sites dating back hundreds and thousands of years, as well as the loss of small farms that have been maintained for generations.

2. There's no justification for this needless destruction.

The province needs to invest in the long term needs of the people of northeast BC where social services and infrastructure have been neglected for too long. The Site C dam is simply not the way to do it. On November 1, a government-appointed economic review concluded that even with the money already spent on Site C, continued construction offers little or no financial benefit to the province when compared with other, less destructive alternatives. Furthermore, in some scenarios, halting Site C could actually mean a considerable saving for the province, freeing up potential for more sustain investments in the province's future. Either way, it's clear that the destruction of Indigenous land and livelihoods is unnecessary and that the province could benefit Indigenous and non-Indigenous people alike through a new strategy for energy conservation and development.

3. Completing the Site C dam would be a blow to reconciliation with First Nations.

There's good reason why international human rights standards, including the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, require the free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous peoples on serious decisions such as resource development on their territories. History tells us that if Indigenous peoples don't have a real seat at the table, their rights will be swept aside. This is exactly what happened with the approval of the Site C dam. The federal and provincial governments have acknowledged that they never even considered whether the dam was compatible with their Treaty obligations, despite the many serious concerns expressed by Treaty 8 First Nations. Approval of the project under these circumstances was unjust. Allowing the decision to stand would be a further injustice. In contrast, stopping Site C is an important opportunity to send a message to all British Columbians and all Canadians that the lives, cultures and economies of First Nations matter.

Yours truly,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Lisa Helps (Mayor) <mayor@victoria.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:26 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Thank you

Excellent. Thanks. I appreciate it.

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Lisa Helps, Victoria Mayor
Lekwungen Territory
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250-661-2708
@lisahelps

"When in doubt do the kindest thing possible." - Unknown

On Dec 13, 2017, at 10:17 AM, OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca<<mailto:Premier@gov.bc.ca>>>> wrote:

Dear Mayor Helps:

Thank you for your message for Premier Horgan. We have passed this along to his assistant to relay to him. He will appreciate hearing from you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Helps (Mayor) [<mailto:mayor@victoria.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 7:31 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Thank you

John, I'm sure you've had thousands of emails since yesterday, many with content and tone that may be hard to hear. Believe me I understand this!

I wanted to thank you for having the courage to make a decision on Site C, for weighing all the information you gathered, for listening to all the voices and then for making the best decision you could given the circumstances you are in. Thank you for choosing pragmatism over politics. This take courage.

Take care,

Lisa

P.S. Can whoever reads this makes sure that John sees it. Thanks.

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Lisa Helps, Victoria Mayor

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:26 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Hi Premier,

My feeling of hope for the province and Canada, just took a huge slap in the face. You have made a very backward decision.

On every count this dam should not proceed. And now the NDP will wear it. You should have followed your heart and stopped it...then your unhappy face and heavy heart at the announcement would have been very different...you would have been looking forward, embracing the challenges of the future in a moral and sustainable way.

Now you have trod on First Nations again, You have ruined yet another valley needlessly, Workers who are at the dam site could then go to jobs all over the province as there is a shortage of workers in construction Jobs in green energy could be supported and these are long term and sustainable jobs....better than the short term jobs at the dam Nature would not once again be treated as a free good to plunder....
It is very disheartening to be so badly let down by your government.

It's not too late to reverse your decision. You are doing irreparable harm.

Sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:23 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

I am extremely disappointed with your decision to move forward with the Site C Dam project. I voted for the NDP with it in mind that you would seriously consider the impacts to the environment and people affected by this mega project.

It appears you couldn't take the heat and make a truly landmark decision for the future of humanity.

Here's to another 100 years of backwards thinking with the NDP breaking ground for tar sands, mega projects, and further destruction of our environment.

s.22

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 1:35 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: No cite c dam

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:35 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: No cite c dam

Dear Premier Horgan

The Cite C dam must be cancelled. It will be a environmental disaster along with burdening BC tax payers for years. We as a province can be Energy-change leaders in the world. The technology is there and what a boon for British Columbians.

Additionally, , I would like to see huge fines levied for the Mount Polly disaster, Kinder Morgan destroying our resources with a illegal anti-spawning mats, and i would like to see large business held to high responsible environmental standards that rival any in the world. We have exceptional beauty in British Columbia that must be protected and not lost to greedy corporate interests for out-dated technology.

Finally, I would like to let you know that if the NDP can continue their commitment to responsible energy, and their opposition to Kinder Morgan and new pipelines, then you have my support.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:40 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2017 7:54 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Site C

Dear Mr. Premier,
Please DO NOT allow the Site C project to continue. The money earmarked for this project could be better used to create jobs in the renewable energy sector - BC could become a world leader developing new technology in geo-thermal or solar or wind energy.

Yours truly,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:06 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam approval

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing to you regarding your government's decision to approve BC Hydro's Site C project. As a member of the NDP eager for change from our province's political course of the past 16 years, I am deeply disheartened to know with your announcement today that your government has instead decided to maintain the status quo set by the Liberals more than half my lifetime ago. With your approval of Site C, you have committed our province to 77 more years of the same environmental and socioeconomic recklessness we British Columbians have endured since Gordon Campbell took office in 2001.

You said in your statement today that you could not punish British Columbians for the mistakes of the past. Unfortunately, with your decision to approve Site C, you have acted contrary to that intention. Approval of Site C was not in our province's best interest. If there is any avenue by which you may reverse your decision, I beg of you to do so; it may be political suicide, but it is your only choice if you truly wish to spare British Columbians from the mistakes of past administrations. Your actions have tarnished my respect for the NDP and are forcing me to reconsider my continued membership in the party.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:09 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Stop Site C

-----Original Message-----

From s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Stop Site C

I have written and emailed previously, but thought I would have one last go. I believe there is no need for Site C and it would be a big mistake to proceed with the dam. There are other ways to produce energy, but only one way to produce food, only the existing hunting and fishing territories of the First Nations. Once gone they can never be reclaimed. Please do not approve Site C.

Yours sincerely

s.22

Sent from my iPad

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:08 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Comment on With or Without Site C, Energy Efficiency is a No-Brainer

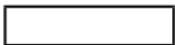
From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:18 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; James.MLA, Carole <Carole.James.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Mungall.MLA, Michelle <Michelle.Mungall.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Heyman.MLA, George <George.Heyman.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Comment on With or Without Site C, Energy Efficiency is a No-Brainer

Please, please, please say no to Site C!

s.22

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Disqus <notifications@disqus.net>
Date: 9 December 2017 at 13:54
Subject: Re: Comment on With or Without Site C, Energy Efficiency is a No-Brainer
To: s.22



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dda

There's a great documentary everyone should watch - DamNation - will help to dispel some of the 'green' myths around dams. In more 'enlightened' jurisdictions, they are being dismantled and removed to restore the natural flow of rivers and streams.

And here in BC, we have the destructive IPPs and the looming aspect of Site C. LNG is seen as "green"! Labelling everything "green and clean" does not make it so. That's just marketing at work.

4:54 p.m., Saturday Dec. 9 | Other comments by dda

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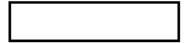
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Hydroelectric dams only appear to produce clean energy. In fact, they are a huge source of GHGs.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:03 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: no wishywashiness from lowly s.22 on Site C

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2017 9:11 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: no wishywashiness from lowly s.22 on Site C

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Give me a call if you need someone to look the Union in the face and say....."c'mon guys back me up here and say you don't want to cause the bankrupting of BC Hydro and are standing down on protecting the 1500 or so jobs"....."shutting this down will be the end of CLAC and I am committed to keeping your guys working on a multitude of other projects"....."it is for the good of the province and will be good for both our reputations".

Drive the trucks to the next job site and the whole of Site C will grow back all on its own....b.s. it will take billions. Offer Voith a service contract on our other turbines. Tell Samsung to take a hike. Educate the public on Muskrat Falls.

If you call I'll be out of range up at Narrows Inlet enjoying the last days of a pristine fjord before the alpine lake draining IPP gets finished....one of the one's you have not kiboshed yet before it is too late.

In addition to above I will s.22 investigate just who has pictures of who doing what. That is the only explanation for proceeding with Site C.

I don't have a lot of time for political backroomers who have never had a real job other than consulting and lobbying. I have lots if time for fully qualified real tradesmen. Those are the guys who should back you up and say they would rather be a part of a good project and not just a make work project. Like maybe maintenance on the dams we already have that are in tough shape.

s.22

Going ahead will guarantee us a much higher Moodys Credit rating than we already have....right? Not.

How are we to expect a good outcome on the Columbia River Treaty when you are still employing Kathy Eichenberger to negotiate. She was instrumental in pushing IPP applications through the EAO. Get someone in there who will work for us....not foreign corporations.

And wtf is with upholding the shutdown of Burrard Thermal? Open it again.

No one knows the energy file better than you. Make BC Hydro great again. We have the expertise....and it is much better spent on other things than shoring up a sloughing hillside.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 10:32 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: stop site c

Hello, I am sure the Premier would not willingly take part in a modern genocide of a people in favour of corporate greed. If that is the case then we will have to stop this archaic mega project by non political means like class action law suits and mass protests.

You have received over 350,000 responses against site C.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 10:34 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

dear Mr John Logan.

I urge you not to continue with the Dam C Project. I was against this from the very beginning and still am against it. This is a terrible way of using tax payers money and I'm sure that the majority of British Columbians would agree with me, if you would ask them.

Cordially

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 11:29 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2017 7:11 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew <Andrew.Weaver.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Sturdy.MLA, Jordan <Jordan.Sturdy.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Site C

Dear Mr. Horgan,
Please, no Site C!
Sincerely, s.22

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 11:24 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Please read below and listen carefully.

Just one really good reason to cancel the Site C dam.

Public Statement
December 10, 2017

Statement from Grand Chief Stewart Phillip on Human Rights Day

(Unceded Coast Salish Territory / Vancouver, B.C. – December 10, 2017) December 10 is the day 70 years ago in 1948 when the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights officially recognizing that “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.” In 2007 144 states voted in favour of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration). The Harper Government was one of four states to vote against the UN Declaration. The Trudeau Government formally endorsed the UN Declaration in 2010.

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) issued the following statement to mark the United Nations' Human Rights Day:

“Indigenous Rights are human rights. On the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights we call on federal, provincial and municipal governments to truly commit to the true spirit and intent of the UN Declaration as a fundamental international human rights instrument to advance human rights for Indigenous peoples as a framework for justice and reconciliation.

“Canada’s own legal and constitutional frameworks must adapt to the UN Declaration, especially Indigenous peoples’ free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) based on our inherent and inalienable rights pursuant to our Indigenous laws and authorities. FPIC is the right to say yes and the right to say no to development on our lands and territories in order to safeguard the land and waters for future generations.

“It is crucially important our inherent Title, Rights and Treaty Rights are recognized and affirmed in all processes Canada and BC engages in with Indigenous peoples. When our inherent Title, Rights and Treaty Rights are entirely disregarded or domestically diluted, governments are liable.

“We gratefully acknowledge today is also the 5th Anniversary of the Idle No More movement and December 11 will be the 20th Anniversary of the historic Delgamuukw/Gisday’wa Supreme Court Decision. We raise our hands in appreciation to the leadership of the hereditary Chiefs and grassroots for their continuing fight for our human rights.

"In closing, we call on Premier Horgan to remember the members of Treaty 8 who are defending their land and way of life against BC Hydro's destructive Site C project. In the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Declaration, their Treaty 8 rights are human rights."

Media inquiries:

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, Union of BC Indian Chiefs: (604) 684-0231

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 11:11 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier Horgan

I am writing as a private citizen in this province to encourage you to cancel the Site C Hydro Electric project.

It is clear from all reports this project is unwarranted, is grossly underestimated and would appear to serve no real purpose other than to fulfill poorly conceived to the dream of a former government and Premier.

It is also clear that the revenue that can realistically be obtained from the sale of power to customers can not be defined. In all likelihood the only ones that will benefit will be Americans who will ultimately purchase power from Site C at greatly discounted rates - as seen in the case of excess power generation in Labrador.

The continued loss of good agricultural land in the province must be addressed by your government. Site C clearly continues to move us down what has become an increasingly slippery slope.

Finally, in my view the case for sound job creation should not be compromised by poor judgement, an untimely project, and a lack of a clear energy strategy both in our province and our country. The losers will be not only be British Columbians who will pay dearly for this clearly ill conceived project for many generations, but all Canadians.

I urge you to make the correct and wise choice in what is clearly a difficult political burden and decision. Fortunately the technical decision is much clearer.

Respectfully submitted.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 10:56 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: site c

I've tried to tell mlas about this, i have worked on dams and powerhouses,site c could possibly be changed to... energybc.ca/runofriver.html... run of river power generation. With an engineer consultation there is a possibility that the site could be converted possibly at less cost and a lot less flooding of farmland, this could be a win/win situation. Get on this now as it could mean another winning election!

PLEASE REPLY

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 10:36 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: CANCEL Site C Dam

The decision on whether to cancel Site C dam looms; reports are it might be on December 11.

This note is from a long-time supporter of the NDP. I currently pay a monthly donation to assist my local office and hope to continue doing so for many years to come.

All I ask is that the decision made is to CANCEL the Site C dam.

Jobs are a big factor, yes, but there will be a couple of years of good work just putting the project "to bed". There are other ways to employ these worker in sustainable power projects such as geo thermal or wind. The jobs everyone talks about are only short term jobs. If the dam goes ahead, many jobs in alternative energy projects will be lost over the long term; I think that jobs is a red herring. Long term is what we want and we can get that by cancelling the dam.

It is a huge decision, I know. But the correct decision, in the minds of many thousands of BC residents, is to cancel the project.

Thank you for making this decision; it is the right one to do.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 10:18 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Ma.MLA, Bowinn LASS:EX
Subject: Please cancel Site C

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing to urge you to cancel the Site C project. I gave the NDP vote knowing that if your government came to power there would be difficult decisions that had to be made, but would be decisions that were fair to First Nations, and future generations of British Columbians, fiscally and environmentally. The BC Utilities Commission did not give compelling evidence that this project is a responsible project to continue. Site C would be a big step backwards for food security, FN reconciliation, and wild habitat for many species. It is not a green solution to BC's future power generation needs.

Please don't let it go forward.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 10:08 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Mark.MLA, Melanie LASS:EX
Subject: Please Cancel Site C Dam

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing to you to offer my support to close down the development of Site C, and encourage you and your colleagues to find alternative strategies to offset the loss of power generation and jobs from the project. While I have compassion for those folks from around the Peace and Fort St. John that will lose employment, the long term impacts of the project on agriculture and biodiversity are immense. This kind of habitat (river valley, riparian) is high value ecologically and culturally, and impossible to return. We've lost so much of it in this province already, and Site C would be a short term fix for a longer term concerns of food security and habitat loss, and Indigenous reconciliation.

As a professional working in landscape and restoration work, I very much understand that once the dam is built, that land will be lost forever.

Thank you for your consideration, and thank you for your work so far since election.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 10:04 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Please, NO Site C Dam

No, no, no! Please do not go ahead with the dam.
I voted NDP. I cannot support this dam in light of alternative, reliable energy.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

s.22

From:
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 10:04 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Mr Horgan,

I am dismayed at this mornings news reports that you intend to go ahead with site C.

Why ?

1. The \$4 billion wasted if Site C is stopped lands squarely at the feet of the previous Liberal gov't. It was a bad idea from the start and to throw massive amounts of good money after bad is not only a disastrously poor economic decision but gives Christie Clark the legacy she craved. And believe me, this will be seen as Christie's accomplishment, not yours. It will be a lose/lose decision for you.

2. It flies in the face of the reason I supported your government in the last election. To destroy precious farmland and wildlife habitat in this province for an expensive and unnecessary project of this sort is beyond foolish. It's both short-sighted and immoral. I had hoped for better.

3. From what I have read recently, it disrespects the rights of our First Nations who have tried hard to defend the land and coast of this province against this type of encroachment. They need to be heard.

The only reason I can think of as to why you would announce the "go ahead" for this project is that you are counting on it being challenged in the courts and thereby absolving yourself of the responsibility of calling this project off.

I would rather swallow a \$4 billion mistake than a \$12 billion mistake. I want our farmland and wildlife habitat preserved and I will support the party whose values I share.

Mr Horgan.....SAY NO !!!!

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 10:02 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Decision

Good morning John,

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s.22 today's
decision will be life changing, no matter which way it goes.

I woke up this morning with a sense of hope; hope that today the BC NDP will take a gigantic leap in the right direction towards change. Even with all the news circulating around social media that the NDP is continuing with the Site C Dam – I can't believe it. After 16 years of lies and corruption, why would the NDP smear their reputation after only being in office for six months? Especially for a project, that no matter how you look at – isn't right for our province.

I really hope that today, with great pride, you announce that you and your government will be saving the Peace River Valley. You would go down in history as one of the best Premier's in this country's history, a premier who stood up against corrupt and political greed, and made a decision to save a valley that has already given so much. To save relationships with landowners and First Nations, and to preserve an irreplaceable wildlife corridor, and in turn, the lives of so many species who do not have a voice.

I am anxiously waiting your announcement - I really hope you made the right decision, John.

Thank you,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:49 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: EMPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca, FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear John Horgan,

I am re-sending a message that sums up most of what I echo as one of the many NDP voters who really want to see change in BC, and had our hopes in you.

"You think by saying No to Site C, the money already spent will hurt BC's credit rating and undermine your ability to improve the lives of British Columbians.

But you know what would do more harm to your ability to improve the lives of British Columbians? Failing to get re-elected because thousands of your voters left the NDP after you abandoned us by saying Yes to Site C.

John, we're trying to save the Peace, but we're also trying to save the NDP from itself. And after 17 long years of corrosive Liberal rule, the best thing you can do for BC is to keep faith with your voters by saying No to Site C.

Be brave John. We will be right there beside you.

Sincerely,

Your voters"

Please do consider this!

Many thanks,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:44 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: Cancel Site C

Dear Premier,

In the strongest way possible, I urge you to cancel Site C.

The original review panel stated this dam wasn't needed. The B.C. Utilities Commission has concluded that this dam does not need to be built to meet the energy needs of the province. And supporters of clean energy should not be fooled. Site C is environmentally destructive, and given the declining costs of renewable energy like wind, geothermal and solar, alternative sources of energy are available to replace this project.

The debt load this will impose on the rate-payers is incredible and I doubt it will be on budget. Just look at the Johnson Street Bridge for example. Learn the lessons from Newfoundland and Labrador, where the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric dam has doubled from estimated costs, and will nearly double hydro costs for ratepayers. Site C is following the same trajectory, and must be cancelled in the interests of all British Columbians.

In addition, it would flood over 12,500 hectares of fertile farmland at a time when California is suffering through a drought. The West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations are vehemently opposed to this project, which would flood large swathes of their traditional territory — including sacred grounds. The Trudeau Administration already chose to violate the treaty rights of these First Nations by approving the project. Don't be a follower of Justin, be a leader for British Columbia.

The impact on the area cannot be mitigated. There will be an adverse effect on many wildlife species and the environment.

Yes some jobs will be lost in construction. However, the lost jobs could likely be made up by new jobs in renewable energy such as geo-thermal, solar, wind and wave.

This could be a defining moment for your leadership, the NDP party and British Columbia as a whole. Christy Clarke was wrong to give Hydro the go ahead to start construction. Do not follow in her footsteps.

Cancel Site C!

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Yours truly,

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:43 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C - Cancel this mistake

Premier:
I keep hearing you're going to let this go ahead. Don't do it!

This would be a big mistake.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:35 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Subject: It better be a NO

Dear John Horgan and George Heyman,

We truly hope your announcement today will be NO to Site C Dam! It is absolutely critical to stop this project and move in positive directions for the sake of the planet! As seniors we have watched as failure after failure have occurred with respect to protection of our environment. Time to turn it all around Now!!!!

Sincerely, s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:19 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

I urge you strongly to approve the Site C dam. My views are based on the following:

1. With the drive to replace carbon-based energy, electricity needs will increase significantly in the short-, medium- and long-terms.
2. Hydro power is the perfect complement to the interruptible power of virtually all current, proven “green” power technology. The water storage capability of hydro power is a “battery” storing power to be used when interruptible power sources are low. I am not convinced of the storage capacity of other forms of power.
3. The true cost, at this point, is the total estimated cost minus the amount already spent and the additional costs of suspension or termination of the project. On that basis, the project must be considered economical, particularly when one considers the long lifespan of a hydro electric generating facility such as Site C.
4. I have little confidence in both the pace of development of alternative sources of “green” power or their net green benefits over hydro power. Nor do I believe the total environmental impact of Site C is greater than the total environmental impact of other forms of renewable energy, such as wind or solar power when one includes all the environmental impact of production of the equipment, sourcing of the materials required, construction and operation. Recognize also, that the lifespan of these alternatives is significantly shorter than that of Site C, resulting in environmental impacts each time one of these alternative sources is replaced.
5. From my own knowledge and that of acquaintances, there is not a significant impact of Site C on agriculture in British Columbia. First, the land lost to agriculture is, for the most part, not the best food-producing land. Second, we do not have a shortage of agriculture land for food production. The Peace River area itself has a significant high-quality land base capable of producing food. Third, a source of water for irrigation is the foundation of significantly greater food production. The storage capacity of the reservoir can serve as that source of water.

I believe the opposition to Site C is driven by ideological considerations. I trust your decision will reflect sound, unbiased analysis.

There will be some uncertainty, at this point, regarding the total cost and expected completion date. However, that does not change my view that the project should proceed without any further delay.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:12 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Cancel Site C Dam Project

Dear Premier Horgan,

As an environmental consultant and resource manager, I am writing to urge you to please cancel the Site C Dam project. The project is neither environmentally nor economically sustainable over the long-term and fails to serve the public interest because it is not a matter of public convenience and necessity to British Columbia taxpayers.

Sincerely,

s.22

Begin forwarded message:

From: s.22
Subject: Cancel Site C Dam Project
Date: December 11, 2017 at 12:21:18 AM PST
To: john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca

Dear Premier Horgan,

As an environmental consultant and resource manager, I am writing to urge you to cancel the Site C Dam project. The project is neither environmentally nor economically sustainable over the long-term and fails to serve the public interest because it is not a matter of public convenience and necessity to British Columbia taxpayers.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:09 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Kang.MLA, Anne LASS:EX; D'Eith.MLA, Bob LASS:EX; Ma.MLA, Bowinn LASS:EX; Ralston.MLA, Bruce LASS:EX; James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX; Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX; Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX; Donaldson.MLA, Doug LASS:EX; Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX; Begg.MLA, Garry LASS:EX; Chow.MLA, George LASS:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX; Bains.MLA, Harry LASS:EX; Brar.MLA, Jagrup LASS:EX; Routledge.MLA, Janet LASS:EX; Mark.MLA, Melanie LASS:EX; Sims.MLA, Jinny LASS:EX; Darcy.MLA, Judy LASS:EX; Chen.MLA, Katrina LASS:EX; Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX; Conroy.MLA, Katrine LASS:EX; Krog.MLA, Leonard LASS:EX; Beare.MLA, Lisa LASS:EX; Elmore.MLA, Mable LASS:EX; Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; Dean.MLA, Mitzi LASS:EX; Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX; Singh.MLA, Rachna LASS:EX; Chouhan.MLA, Raj LASS:EX; Kahlon.MLA, Ravi LASS:EX; Glumac.MLA, Rick LASS:EX; Fleming.MLA, Rob LASS:EX; Leonard.MLA, Ronna-Rae LASS:EX; Chandra Herbert.MLA, Spencer LASS:EX; Fraser.MLA, Scott LASS:EX; Robinson.MLA, Selina LASS:EX; Simpson.MLA, Shane L LASS:EX
Subject: NDP Must Cancel Site C: Supporters Across Canada Waiting

Dear Premier Horgan and NDP caucus members,

You may think there hasn't been much interest from NDP supporters in the rest of Canada about what is going on out in British Columbia with respect to the decision on Site C. In that case, you would be wrong. The BC NDP was elected with a significant number of voters whose primary issues are climate change, environmental conservation and reconciliation with First Nations. Climate change and environmental conservation being the two biggest unifiers across ages and voters who slant both to the left and right politically in other areas. (Unfortunately we still need to do more work to achieve political will on reconciliation and it would be dishonest to say otherwise.) I know the BCNDP is aware of this and that is the reason you attended anti-Site C rallies and did not make any commitment to continue the project. If you haven't so far heard much agitation on this issue it's because most of these NDP supporters assumed you would cancel it since all the environmental & financial data support that being the responsible decision.

What kind of a coalition do you think will support the federal NDP in British Columbia, or the rest of Canada for that matter, if you don't cancel Site C now? The NDP will lose credibility across the country.

The only way forward for the NDP in BC and Canada is to strengthen our coalition of voters, including a majority of young people, who recognize that addressing the very real issue of climate change and environmental conservation means abandoning massively damaging and costly projects like Site C and putting our money into sustainable green technology. **We can't do both.**

I feel the obligation to write to you with my concerns but most of these voters won't. They will simply cancel their monthly donations, not renew their memberships and turn away.

It's not too late to stop this happening. Cancel the Site C project and be the first party to finally lead BC and Canada in real change to address climate change with an environmentally sustainable economy and reconciliation with First Nations.

Sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:08 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Kill Site C

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

s.22
From:
Date: December 8, 2017 at 10:59:50 PM PST
To: premier@bc.ca
Subject: Kill Site C

Dear Premier Horgan,
If you approve Site C, I will never vote for, work for, or contribute to the NDP again. I'm a member since 1968, a monthly contributor, and election worker.
I'm gone if you betray everything the party stands for by continuing construction of this toxic project.

Sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:59 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Site C

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From: s.22
Date: Sun, Dec 10, 2017 at 8:26 PM
Subject: Site C
To: john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca
Cc: judy.darcy.mla@leg.bc.ca, andrew.weaver.mla@leg.bc.ca

Dear Premier Horgan,

Originally I was against the site C project but after reading the studies I am convinced that we need to proceed with it to ensure the province will have enough power for electric cars, etc.

Sincerely,

s.22



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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:04 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; info@bcgreens.ca; Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX
Subject: Note Urging Cancellation of Site C Project

Dear Premier Horgan:

I write to you today to urge you to stop construction of the Site C dam. While acknowledging this is an issue inherited from the previous government you have the opportunity to reverse their errors in judgement, and to pursue your own energy policy for BC. I hope that you will capitalize on this opportunity to do so.

The Site C dam is an enormously expensive project that will result in unacceptable impacts to highly valued cultural and environmental resources in the region. Evidence suggests these would offset any potential benefits of the project to the people of BC. The BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) report explored the implications of pursuing completion, suspension, and termination scenarios; the implications for ratepayers of different scenarios; and the potential for alternative energy sources to meet our needs. The findings of the BCUC report offer both a rationale and evidence for cancelling the project that I hope is acknowledged in your decision today.

Sincerely and with thanks

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 9:01 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: s.22
Subject: Please NO Site C

Dear Premier:

Please do not turn Liberal on us. British Columbians voted for the NDP because they wanted to get rid of the Liberals, a party that is the puppet of the Oil and Gas Industry and sold our beautiful province to the highest bidder. A party that did what their big money donors told them to do.

We got rid of them and you got rid of big money in politics. Thank you very much for that!

Now, it is time to say NO to union pressure, to say NO to a financial disaster, to say NO to the destruction of valuable farm land.

Now is the time to embrace other energy sources such as wind and solar, start a vibrant new renewable energy industry that will bring many more long-term jobs.

Now is the time to STOP Site C. Please.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:54 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; info@bcgreens.ca; Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX
Subject: Note Urging Cancellation of the Site C Project

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Sincerely and with thanks

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:54 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Premier Horgan

I'm writing this in support of the Site C Dam construction.

The reason for my support is that the province is going to need the electrical output it will produce and it is going to be a great environmental decision in the long term. Your positive decision will become obvious when you tie it into a secondary decision to only allow the sale of autos with Hybrid or Electric engines within the next 10 years and eventually only allowing Electric auto sales. You will need the electrical capacity for this to happen. You will also need charging station infrastructure throughout the province.

The move to Hybrid and Electric autos is gaining momentum. Be a leader and not a follower on this.

An as a bonus, a decision to ban internal combustion engines would be strongly supported by the Green Party and take some heat off a positive Site C decision.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:50 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

No, to the site C ,its too expensive and will ruin too much land and we don't really need the power. It was Crustys BAD idea ,don't carry one with it. s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:44 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Mr. Premier,,, I am delighted to hear that you will proceed with the Dam.. I think your decision is very wise for the Future of our Province, not for today but for the next one hundred years.

It is a opportunity to keep our Rates competitive low and have extra Power to sell .I have no financial interest in the Project but as a BC citizen we all will benefit one day.

Thank you for your decision

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:40 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

If you approve Site C do not ever bother to ask for contribution or assistance in any future election in this province.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:35 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C.....Dollars to be watched closely.

Good Morning.

I am s.22

This is a very tough call.

I will say,....there is money disappearing, and that is the real story.

The dam is not the problem as much as how it is being managed.

Why is it we will be over budget?.....I am sorry, but when is a deal,.....not a deal?

If someone was to give you a number,.....try to make it less, not more....please.

Enjoy today,...it will not be a good one....(let's sell that power and reduce our own!)

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:30 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Stop Site C

----- Forwarded message -----

From: s.22
Date: Mon, Dec 11, 2017 at 8:28 AM
Subject: Stop Site C
To: <john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca>

I have written and emailed previously, but thought I would have one last go. I believe there is no need for Site C and it would be a big mistake to proceed with the dam. There are other ways to produce energy, but only one way to produce food, only the existing hunting and fishing territories of the First Nations. Once gone they can never be reclaimed. Please do not approve Site C.

Yours sincerely

s.22

Sent from my iPad

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:27 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site c

Please stop Site C. Save the farmland. Invest in Solar and Wind.
Thank you.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:26 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Do not approve of Site C

Mr. Horgan,

You will lose the vote of myself and buckets of my friends if you approve this project. And they will also withdraw their funding money for the NDP.

It is not the ethical or correct decision. Period.

It is 2017. We have too much to loose and nothing to gain from completing this project. You will regret this decision one day.

Bad, bad, bad idea. Period.

Sincerely, s.22

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:22 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site c dam

Don't do it! The Greens will bring you down, and rightly so.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:21 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Comment on With or Without Site C, Energy Efficiency is a No-Brainer

Please Please Please say no to Site C!

s.22

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From: **Disqus** <notifications@disqus.net>
Date: 9 December 2017 at 13:54
Subject: Re: Comment on With or Without Site C, Energy Efficiency is a No-Brainer
To: s.22



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A new comment was posted on The Tyee



dda

There's a great documentary everyone should watch - DamNation - will help to dispel some of the 'green' myths around dams. In more 'enlightened' jurisdictions, they are being dismantled and removed to restore the natural flow of rivers and streams.

And here in BC, we have the destructive IPPs and the looming aspect of Site C. LNG is seen as "green"! Labelling everything "green and clean" does not make it so. That's just marketing at work.

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Hydroelectric dams only appear to produce clean energy. In fact, they are a huge source of GHGs.
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:19 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C

Premier Horgan, Dr. Weaver

In my working life, I was a construction worker. s.22 . However, the world has moved on from large dams, in fact dams are being removed in some jurisdictions because the health of rivers is more important and alternate sources can equal the power production of dams.

I have been a lifelong union member and a supporter of the NDP through good times and bad. However, if you continue with Site C then I am done with the NDP.

Dr. Weaver, you will have to chart a course that diverges from the NDP.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:13 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Shame on you! You are a traitor to the people of BC. Approval of the Site C project proves that you, like those before you, care more about the almighty dollar than the people you 'represent' and the environment you are charged with overseeing. You will burn in hell for this decision.

In total disgust,
s.22

Sent from my LG Mobile

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:04 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Stop Site C

Dear Premier Horgan,

Please do the right thing and cancel the Site C project. It was ill-conceived from the beginning and you have the opportunity to demonstrate some leadership and stop the madness!

Thank you.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:04 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear Premier Horgan,

I'm grandfather of five kids whose future looks bleak should your govt choose to continue with this dam. Why aren't alternatives such as massive retrofitting of insulation being mentioned? Amazing potential to conserve wasted energy, create good -paying, life-long jobs for large numbers, and all for the miniscule costs of a subsidy. Great political traction, and it would allow time to work out what to do with BC Hydro's massive debt load before the next election.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:01 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: CANCEL SITE C

Do the right thing. CANCEL SITE C

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 8:00 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier, please don't go ahead with Site C if we don't really need it for energy. These political Mega projects have got to stop. The Jobs it would have created can be made up creating much needed rapid transit.

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:57 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C decision

Mr. Horgan,

I am a professor s.22
s.22

I do not envy your choice around Site C, given the current build state of the project left to you by the Liberals. The abandonment costs are certainly large, however the prospect of cost overruns are very real

Even if completed to the original budget, the installed costs from Site C are very high relative to other options available in 2017.

I am writing to you primarily to emphasize that dams are old technology, with little economic benefits beyond the employment created in their massive construction. Their lead times are huge, creating the large financial uncertainty you have found associated with generation starting many years from now. New technology, including wind and distributed storage, can be deployed incrementally as require with short lead times. They are also associated with products and services that can be developed and demonstrated domestically and then exported around the world.

In 2017, BC should be using our heritage Hydro assets, with their inherent flexibility, to build new industries that will benefit BC jobs and economic growth into the future. There are myriad technologies BC could develop that would lead to exportable skills and tech, including for example development of new renewable generation, demand response methods to integrate electric vehicles, and distributed storage. Pursuing these opportunities will have far greater ongoing associated jobs and economic activity than building 1970s era dam technology as we decarbonize our energy system. Moreover the local, positive development of these resources with private partners taking on the risk, as well as positive First Nations development of their resources, is the best path to follow in terms of social license and fiscal prudence.

I urge you to consider these points and frame a decision to abandon the Site C project, that is highly likely to have massive cost overruns, in the context of positioning BC as a leader again in climate change mitigation by encouraging private investment in BC to develop, test and deploy these new technologies. Not to stay the course with an old and expensive technology that has little value beyond the current heavy construction jobs and that was predicated on the pipe dream of justifying an LNG electrification option. Give BC Hydro and the Ministry of Energy and Mines new directives to create an innovative environment for these new technologies, and thereby turn BC into a hub of innovation in this emerging space. It will have real myriad tangible paybacks to BC over the coming decades.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

s.22

From:
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:57 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Please do GOOD, stop Site C

Sir:

We have alternatives, solar and wind that cost less and create MUCH LESS environmental damage. Do right and Cancel Site C.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:47 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C dam

Please have the courage to cancel this project.
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:40 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site c

It is such a disappointment to wake to the news that site c will proceed- no doubt billions of dollars over budget by the time all is said and done. To proceed or not should not be based on how much has already been invested, nor on the jobs that have been created as a result of a project that should not have been initiated to begin with. I only hope we can expedite the project so the water/ energy can be available to our neighbours to the south at below market value, and the citizens of this province can continue to absorb all the rising costs (and I do not refer to simple financial costs- this project has profound environmental and social costs as well) and risks.

Such a sad and disappointing day for life long supporters of the NDP. We don't expect a response from anyone, but do expect the requests for money to the party to continue to come in on a regular basis- not until we start to see some progress on the election promises (for example, health care premiums, minimum wage, a housing policy- not \$400.00 dollars of public money being donated to tenants so that landlords can continue to gouge and foreign investors can continue to drive the price of housing to the point that we have increasingly unliveable communities). Oh, so many more things, but I'm tired and sad and beyond cynical. Liberal, conservative, NDP- it's become impossible to differentiate as pragmatism and economics trumps all else. Shame

Sent from my iPhone

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:38 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Donaldson.MLA, Doug LASS:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier Horgan,

today you will announce your government's decision on Site C. At this time, you still have the chance to do the right thing.

Site C is not needed. It will cost far more than planned, and not be profitable for at least half a century, if not more. BC Hydro ratepayers will have to subsidize it year after year.

If and when more electrical generation capacity is needed, renewables such as solar and wind are already much cheaper than large dams and indeed any other generation capacity.

They can be scaled easily and quickly. A few MW of solar capacity can be built in a year or less.

The workers employed at the project need to be looked after. Many will be needed to remediate the site. Then, they need to be offered retraining to take advantage of the many jobs in renewable energy. More people are needed to install a Watt of renewable capacity than a Watt of conventional capacity.

Premier Horgan, please be warned by the example of the disastrous Muskrat Falls project in Labrador. You and your government do not want to be tied to a project that is poorly built, costs more than double the budget, and not needed because other means to generate power are cheaper and less destructive.

Please, Premier Horgan, do the right thing and cancel this project.

Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

s.22

From:
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:37 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Hello,

I am sending this message in regards to the site C dam. I believe it to be a huge mistake for BC to continue to invest in it.

People often tout dams as "clean energy". They unfortunately are not. The methane released from the flooded and rotting flora is much worse than any positive effect gained from using hydro power. In fact dams have been found to be responsible for 23% of the methane released by human activity.

Methane is a much more potent heat trapping gas than carbon dioxide, making at a troubling reality for humanity in the coming years. We've all been witness to the bizarre weather changes and warming of the last decades. The price of vanilla has skyrocketed in just the last few years, because of crop failures. This is going to be a continued trend in the coming decades.

When we look at the future of BC, and Canada, we need to look at these trends very seriously. Droughts, flooding and disease are threatening the ecosystems of our current food sources. Flooding farm land is a bad move on a planet where growing conditions and top soil are rapidly declining.

I hope you will take these things into account in your decision.

Thanks,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:30 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fail

The word is already on the street. You caved on Site C. This is an extremely stupid and short-sighted decision. Why? Because it's almost 2018 and it's past time to stop destroying the environment and screwing over First Nations in order to build mega-projects that we don't need and that will only cost us billions more in rate increases for decades to come. Thanks so much for saddling us with this boondoggle, this tribute to the previous government. You might as well build a 50 foot statue of Christy Clark on the lawn of the legislature as continue on with Site C. The effect is exactly the same.

I was hoping to cut you a cheque before the end of the year but, if the rumours are true, and you are going to proceed with Site C, you will never see a red cent from me again.

It boggles the mind that you can be so thick-headed. There is an old political adage: if the voters have a choice between a conservative and a conservative, they're going to vote for the conservative every time. That's right, you'll proceed with Site C but Clark will get all the credit for forcing you to do so and everyone who supports Site C, the most flawed energy project in the history of British Columbia, will vote for Clark's Liberals next time. And yes, the unions who twisted your arm on this one, will vote for the Liberals, too, at least the majority of their members will. Meanwhile, all your supporters, people like me, will vote Green, spoil our ballot, who knows.... I'm too disgusted with gutless politicians to even think about voting right now.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:22 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Cite C Dam

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am reading the newspaper articles indicating you may say "YES" to Cite C Dam! AWESOME if true!

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There are those who argue valuable farm land will be gone (simply NOT true)! Others argue most or all First Nations people are against the project. Again inaccurate! Many suggest the environment will be damaged. This is true but I could refute that by reporting how many birds are killed each day with windmills and how dangerous it is to transport fuel by truck and rail cars! Let's weigh our options!

We, in British Columbia, can be role models for the rest of Canada and the world in moving forward with huge projects of this nature. Let's demonstrate ingenuity, compromise and proof of sensitivity to First Nations and the environment (by leaving as few footprints as possible of our intrusion). Let's show the world HOW it CAN and SHOULD be done!

Say "YES" to Cite C Dam!

Most sincerely,

s.22

Sent from my iPad

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:14 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; Larson.MLA, Linda LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Trying to engage my government.

To all the Honourable Members,

I'm writing this letter, as happens very rarely, in response to the upcoming decision on the Site C dam energy project.

I would like to encourage all of you, if you haven't already decided so, to seriously consider NOT moving ahead with the construction.

There are countless studies that come down on all sides of the issue, and the amount of information that you all have to consider when coming to this decision seems like it would be overwhelming.

I would like to ask (all of our elected representatives) to come down on the right side of history on this one (especially considering this project is a legacy of Christy Clark's liberal government - proven one of the corruptest in recent memory).

Sunk cost fallacy aside - from most metrics this project does not make sense as an investment for the people of BC, and if moved forward with with cost us all dearly. All of the arguments for moving forward seem to be the same old tropes of 'jobs/prosperity' - but it rings hollow. Prosperity seems to mean prosperity for the fossil fuel/LNG industry, when the chips have landed, and any jobs worth discussing coming after the public gets stuck with environmental devastation, debt, and another huge cleanup.

I could list a million articles/studies/independent assessments that i've read - but I'm sure you all have more than enough facts and info to make an informed decision - so I just thought i would add my voice as one factor you may not know of. Obviously, I cannot speak for anyone else, but i do know through talking to people in my community that I'm not alone at all in this sentiment (against moving forward).

Thank you for your time, and efforts, regardless.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 7:13 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Fraser.MLA, Scott LASS:EX; Ralston.MLA, Bruce LASS:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX; George.Hayman.mla@leg.bc.ca; Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX; BC NDP
Subject: The NDP/Green Grinch Who Stole Christmas....

...and lost thousands of supporters (and where are we to go now?) and campaign workers (been there, done that for forty+ years) because you were too gutless to stand up for Treaty 8, for priceless farm land in the North, for vulnerable wildlife and for what?????? Christy Clark is laughing her face off all the way to the bank where she has a fat account after having been so handsomely compensated for all her hard work on behalf of her backers to ensure the ruination of the Peace Valley known as Site C.

You are a huge disappointment. What are people to do when democracy fails like this and a bunch of urban and suburban Lower Mainland NDP'ers and Greens cave in to the Fox (BC Hydro) advising you as to the building of a convenient new hen house?

You have not heard the last of this issue and you can expect a winter of discontent the likes of which you richly deserve after this cowardly, poorly-advised, horrendously expensive and destructive move will saddle us with debt and destroy Peace River valley life or generations to come. I am done with the NDP. The Greens will not get my support either because if Site C was not a deal breaker, then what on this earth is?

I am completely and utterly disgusted with the lot of you. You don't even begin to know the cost, let alone the price, of the Site C Dam, a bloated boondoggle squatting in an earthquake-prone zone which will silt up its own turbines in 70-100 years, and you don't, apparently, know the value of anything permanent, like the signing of a treaty with First Nations or food for the future, either. Short-sighted does not even begin to describe this decision you've made.

I intend to tell the world of your terminally impoverished intellectual condition and how you committed political suicide in pithy and eloquent ways for the rest of my days.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 6:49 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Cc: Ma.MLA, Bowinn LASS:EX
Subject: Site C: One last-ditch effort

11 December, 2017

Premier Horgan and Cabinet:

If the announcement disguised as reporting by this morning's Global TV News is correct, then you and your Cabinet have betrayed the interests of all those British Columbians who voted for you in the last election.

Even more so, to continue with the Site C project is fiscal and democratic malfeasance at its worst and, I predict, it will not be 24 hours before you live to regret the decision - big-time.

Until what I expect will be your own announcement at 11:30 a.m. today, all of the Site C sleaze, manufactured BC Hydro demand numbers and outright untruths would have lain with the former Campbell-Clark BC Liberals. Once you push the "GO" button today, you and your government will own all of that mess AND all of the budget overruns, tension cracks, slides and environmental devastation will come home to your doorstep. Just ask the folks who thought Muskrat Falls was a good idea.

The major question now, of course, has to be this one: Who or what has made it worth your government's while to take that monumental risk? Not only is it a bad decision for all the peoples, farmers and wildlife of the Peace River District, it is one of the craziest political decisions I have ever seen in my 61 years living in this politically crazy province.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 6:34 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; info@greenparty.bc.ca
Subject: Producing Hydrogen - Cheaper than Electricity -- ScienceDaily

Hello: Thank you in advance for cancelling the huge wasteful Liberal Site C Dam ...

It's Christy Clark's "Edsel".

Thank you. s.22

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/12/171208171749.htm>

Sent from my iPad

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 4:03 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Do the right thing. Cancel Site C.

Dear Premier,

I have entrusted the NDP with my vote. I did so with the expectation that Site C will be cancelled.

Please do not let me down. Please do not let British Columbia down.

We have waited so long for an an honest decent Premier. Do the right thing.

Be the Premier we hoped and voted for.

Cancel Site C.

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Sincerely,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 4:53 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam - ground unstable!!! See BC Geological report

Dear Honourable Premier:

First let us both say congratulations. It is indeed a pleasure we did not think we would ever have, of congratulating an NDP Premier. Well done! If not for the behaviour of the NDP candidate here in Columbia River Jerry Taft you would easily have won this area as well.

Our purpose in writing to you is to bring to your attention the geology of the area of the Site C. It is not an area that should ever have been considered for a dam and if today the government decides to stop this project, you may well be adverting a disaster.

Please take a moment to read the attached story - link below.

We also believe that destroying some of the best farmland in this province would be a mistake. Good areas to grow are hard to come by in this mountainous province while methods of producing electricity are not. We have wave, wind, solar and geothermal power to name but a few. We have some of the best minds on the planet to solve power problems but we don't think they can create farmland. You can grow hydroponically, but that takes power. Catch 22.

You cannot argue with the geology of the area and people should be made aware that this is unstable land! The picture in this article showing where the land has already slid illustrates our concern.

Our very best to you and your colleagues. We know this is a tough decision because of job losses if the project is stopped but there will be many, many more jobs created with reclamation and down the road with new technology.

Here's the link.

Warmest regards.

s.22

<http://www.marketwired.com/press-release/editorial-exclusive-shale-is-not-bedrock-site-c-dam-foundation-in-question-2157672.htm>



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From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 4:43 AM
To: Minister, FIN FIN:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: Take a stand against Site C

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Sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 3:21 AM
To: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear John and Andrew (or...Dear Premier Horgan and Dr. Weaver)

I suspect you will have no time to read emails before announcing the decision regarding Site C, but just in case, please, please, please cancel this project. You know the reasons why. I won't waste your time right now by describing them to you.

I understand that the Green party does, indeed, want to cancel the project, and I had thought that you, also, wanted to cancel it, Premier. However, it seems that you are considering allowing it to continue. As a life long NDP voter, I can guarantee you that I will be switching my vote to Green if you should decide to continue on with the Site C dam.

Thank you.

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

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From:
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 2:55 AM
To: Minister, FIN FIN:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 2:07 AM
To: Minister, FIN FIN:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: Take a stand against Site C

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 1:58 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Honourable John Morgan.

I hope that this email finds you well.

My name is s.22 and I am a BC resident. I am writing to you today to express unequivocally that I am against the construction of Site C, for many reasons.

Purely economically, I do not think that there was ever a viable business case for this dam, a perspective which as I'm sure you know is backed by UBC's recent report calling it 'uneconomic'. That same report showed that other sources of energy have become cheaper alternatives, and outlined the drop in energy demand that nullifies the rationale for this dam construction. Further, I reject the project on the basis of the impact that it will have on food security, treaty rights, and the environment. Having s.22, I can say that BC's recent track record of short-term, myopic policy-making is untenable going forward. If your government is serious about climate change, long-term, sustainable employment, and reconciliation and relationship-building with First Nations, then allowing this project to go forward is neither logical nor conscionable.

There are many more reasons why I believe that this project should never see the light of day. However, I am sure that you are as familiar with them as I am. So in lieu of repeating them, let me just say this. If nothing else today, please listen to the voices of those who are your constituents across BC: of the First Nations on whose territory our province is formed, of the majority of British Columbians who reject this dam, and of youth such as myself, who are pleading with you not to jeopardize our future for short-term profit and short-sighted objectives.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I hope you have a lovely day.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 1:57 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: Cite C

John and Michelle,

I've voted NDP since I was eligible to vote in 1969. Your decision to complete Site C is more than disappointing. I will be voting for the Green party in the next election. What are you thinking? Will you approve the twinning of the pipeline as well? Who are your advisors, you never listened to me. Michelle has never answered any of my e-mails. So long.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 1:50 AM
To: Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Minister Mungall,

I hear that Cabinet has decided to move ahead with the Site C project. s.22

s.22 However, due to the anti-community based renewable policies of the previous government and now yours, I am forced to seriously consider relocation from British Columbia. s.22
s.22 . It has become increasingly clear be it from the planned end of the carbon neutrality mandate to proceeding with Site C, that there are few opportunities in British Columbia for the foreseeable future.

It is disappointing that your government put the interests of big labour and an entrenched public sector bureaucracy at BC Hydro ahead of the public interest. It would have been far more cost effective to cancel the project, and use alternative low-carbon generation sources. Unlike Site C, these projects would not require the additional 6 billion plus capital expenditure upfront but would also prevent the negative cash flow from generating power to be sold at a loss. As any profits from the project would occur far in the future, I see no compelling financial case for this generation approach.

Even if a mass electrification of society were to occur over the next half century, a prudent investment strategy would be to spread out the capital investment in line with demand growth. Due to availability of alternative lower cost generation sources such as a sixth turbine at Revelstoke, wind projects in the southern interior, Vancouver Island and North Coast, there is no rational justification for the project.

The BC Utilities commission has said it does not make sense economically, the Peace region has already experienced significant impact from Hydro-electric power and other industrial impacts, and there is no market for the power. This is not to mention the very real concerns of indigenous groups in the area and their ability to materially exercise their treaty rights. The area also has moderate agricultural potential with the ability to meet the vegetable (not entire dietary) needs of around 1 million people.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. As someone who has spend considerable amounts of time studying renewable and other low-carbon energy systems, I highly recommended cancellation. There is a lot more political capital to be gained in putting small biomass power plants as sawmills and pulp mills than one big project in a very conservative part of the province.

Sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 1:15 AM
To: Minister, FIN FIN:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Sturdy.MLA, Jordan LASS:EX
Subject: Take a stand against Site C

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 1:13 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX
Cc: info@bcgreens.ca
Subject: Site C

Hello Mr Horgan,

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s.22 I congratulate you on working with the Green party to make BC a better place. Its exciting to see. I am proud to consider BC as my home. I think there is so much opportunity with the current Minority government that is in place to make change. I am writing you today to voice my concerns for the Site C project.

I am concerned with the way we continue to think of meeting energy demands with large "mega" projects. This mentality is an old way of approach. Now Im not calling you old. However I think the future of energy should be decentralised and run by the communities that use the power. Why not use the money for site C to invest in technologies that will benefit future generations of British Columbians, such as wave technologies, run of river hydro, wind and geothermal. Build a number of projects that are distributed throughout the province rather than one. Lets create community funding that can invest in local energy generation as demand requires. I suppose I am bias as I plan on working in the sector, however the number of younger people studying Renewables is growing and I think BC can be a leader this time around and not just talk about it as the Liberal government before. Large scale hydro is 1970's Mr. Horgan. Be a leader like I know you can and stop the site C development, don't burn my generation and future generations with the cost of this project. This is BC's chance to change! Lets lead the way! This is our opportunity. The younger generations will have your back if you have ours

Thank you for your time. I cannot wait to get back home and maybe we can meet and talk about some solutions!

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 1:12 AM
To: Minister, FIN FIN:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Chandra Herbert.MLA, Spencer LASS:EX
Subject: Take a stand against Site C

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From:
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 1:10 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; info@bcgreens.ca
Subject: Site C

BC needs your government to be looking towards the province's long term best interests, and you should not be supporting the Site C project for the following particular reasons:

- Site C is unanimously opposed by the First Nations who are most directly affected, and would destroy their ancestral territory and sacred sites. When the Federal Government is finally saying (after only 70 years...) that it will approve the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, it ill becomes other levels of government to not do so as well. Respecting First Nations is in any case simply the right thing to do.
- It is unconscionable to destroy a whole river valley ecosystem for no immediate or urgent need; any need for power is short term in comparison with the long term need for that food-producing agricultural land, which would be lost forever if the project goes ahead.
- This issue has province-wide, and in fact planet-wide significance, and should not be decided exclusively on the basis of local interests. Most of the project's benefits to the local area would be short term, limited largely to the construction period.
- It seems quite likely the costs of the Site C project would continue to escalate, and who knows what the final cost would be. The past 'investment' in the project is not an adequate reason to continue it; any accountant will advise you that cutting your losses is often a wise thing to do, and in any case, much of the spending on the project has already been beneficial to local residents, and would not be a waste.
- BC is fortunate in having abundant fresh water resources, but huge dams are early 20th technology. Alternative energy sources are becoming increasingly feasible, and will become more so if we invest in them, as the BC Utilities Commission report points out. There is no reason jobs cannot be provided from this field rather than from dam construction, and enlightened leadership from your government would go a long way towards making that happen.

Letting the Site C project continue would clearly align your government with Cristy Clark's Liberals, which you have spent a lot of time and energy trying to deny. Please keep your eye on the

long term and stop the project now, before its costs to First Nations, to all the rest of us, and to the environment mount ever higher. My grandchildren - and yours - will thank you.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:34 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Please don't build the Site C Dam - with pics #3
Attachments: Flooded-8.JPG; Flooded-9.JPG; Flooded-6.JPG; Flooded-7.JPG

Dear Mr. Horgan,

Please don't build the Site C dam. The planned irreversible environmental destruction, ruin and flooding are a crime against the planet. There is no good reason to destroy this part of the planet. I've attached some pictures of where the spillway will be, and of some areas that will be lost forever as a consequence of flooding. We can never get these back again. Not ever. You're a smart man, you know this is unnecessary, and a bad idea.

yours sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:32 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Please don't build the Site C Dam - with pics #2
Attachments: Flooded-5.JPG; Flooded-3.JPG; Flooded-4.JPG

Dear Mr. Horgan,

Please don't build the Site C dam. The planned irreversible environmental destruction, ruin and flooding are a crime against the planet. There is no good reason to destroy this part of the planet. I've attached some pictures of where the spillway will be, and areas that will be lost forever as a consequence of flooding. We can never get these back again. Not ever. You're a smart man, you know this is unnecessary, and a bad idea.

yours sincerely,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:30 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Please don't build the Site C Dam - with pics #1
Attachments: Flooded-0.JPG; Flooded-2.JPG; Flooded-1.JPG; Spillway.JPG

Dear Mr. Horgan,

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yours sincerely,
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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:24 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Cancel site C!!!!

Please cancel site C!

I am hearing it may now be approved to continue. This is a major mistake and will be the END OF ANY SUPPORT FROM ME AND MY FAMILY FOR THE NDP for whom i have voted for years.
PUT AN END TO THIS ERROR!!!!!!!!!!

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:01 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Financial - and Job - Reasons to Cancel Site C

John Horgan,
Premier of BC.

Dear Premier:

s.22, I've followed Site C for years. I urge your government to cancel this badly-flawed, financially risky project. Cancellation should create more jobs, not less.

Below is a bullet list after this short intro.

Mainstream media primarily gives the Liberal perspective on Site C. It's usually framed as 'Pros of Proceeding and Cons of Cancelling'.

Cost distortions play a big part. Cost of proceeding is usually understated [eg \$8.8B though trends imply at least \$11-12B. Cancellation costs are over-stated [[eg West Moberley Chief Willson's estimate of \$500 million remediation vs \$1.8 B, which exceeds BC Hydro's estimate]. As well, assets such as highway work are miscounted as a cancellation cost.

Another cause of media distortion is omission of factors weakening the case for proceeding. And the financials alone are enough reason to cancel Site C.

Cons of Proceeding with Site C

- *Tension cracks, possibly enhanced by nearby fracking, would increase direct costs and pose flood risks.
- * High risk of over-runs mean Site C could cost \$12 Billion-plus
- *Likely credit downgrade over Site C / Hydro debt [with financial and political consequences]
- *Lost farmland potential for future jobs and food as our climate changes.
- *Cost [financial and political] of fighting First Nations lawsuit[s]. A government loss would either raise costs or risk project closure at a later stage.
- *Cost of Site C power would exceed the costs of future alternative projects due to plummeting costs for, eg, solar, wind and storage batteries.

[While not financial, fallout would be heavy with part of the NDP base, Greens [potential NDP voters] and First Nations. The satisfaction of Liberals and part of the NDP base would turn to blame when rising Site C costs affect Hydro rates, taxes and BC's credit rating. On finances alone, the NDP would be forever tainted by Site C.]

Pros of Cancelling Site C

- *BC's alternate energy sector would grow instead of shrinking due to Site C's market effect.

*More jobs [upgrading existing dams and alternative energies] since they net out above Site C jobs. More jobs, longer-lasting jobs, better spread throughout BC. [It would help the NDP if this was explained by private-sector energy experts.]

*Cheaper energy for Hydro users. [In Abu Dhabi and Chile, solar slid under 3 cents k/wh last year. This year, that price-cut reached the US, eg Tucson Electrical Power's 20-year contract with NextEra.

*Financial, structural and legal risks [see above] are avoided.

Premier Horgan, based on energy/finance trends plus the factors listed above, cancellation is the wisest and safest choice.

This would take leadership. But compared to proceeding, cancellation holds more upside for BC [and the NDP] and far less risk.

I urge your government to take the path you would have chosen in the first place.

The NDP I believe in would use dam upgrades and clean energies - not a controversial, financially risky mega-project.

The NDP I believe in would maximize sustainable jobs, protect the environment and minimize financial risk.

Thank you for your consideration.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 12:00 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: PLease cancel Site C

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing to encourage you to cancel the Site C project. It is tragic that billions have already been spent but the correct course would be to not waste any more.

Site C is too expensive, it will destroy valuable farmland. and alternate sources of power can be developed to meet any new power requirements.

The legacy of one of your predecessors, were the fast ferries. This project has much more at stake. I pray that your legacy will be the premier who had the guts to stop this unnecessary and expensive folly.

Sincerely, s.22

s.22



From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 3:10 PM
To: Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C Decision

Dear Sirs:

As a recent resident of s.22, I was happy to voting in riding where the NDP could win. I had been sickened by the Liberals willful ignorance, or sheer deceit in touting the LNG sector as an economic panacea, apparently oblivious to gas prices, and the urgent requirement to transition from fossil fuel production to a resilient, diverse, sustainable energy sector. So I was also skeptical of the need for Site C, which seemed tied to demands of the LNG sector. I was encouraged by your party's promise of a Utilities Commission review of Site C, where some objective information could come forth.

The Commission provided useful information but I'm not sure of the integrity of your rationale for proceeding with Site C.

Please answer the following....

- Will hydro rates more than double in the next 10 years based on the costs of construction of Site C?
- Why did you choose a 1 year amortization rate for pay back of project costs to date and site remediation? How would increasing the amortization period affect your budget priorities?
- Are you sure the completed project will pay for itself? Will the cost of energy produced at Site C be competitive in 10 years' time?
- Did financial experts support your decision? My questions stem from observations of financial analysts, including the firm that performed the economic analysis for the Utilities Commission.

I fear for the NDP, when you bear responsibility for this ill-conceived project, carelessly initiated by the Liberals, but now willingly pursued by your government?

I can no longer accept misrepresentation of facts for the sake of political manipulation. Please be responsible stewards of our provincial commons, rather than making reactive decisions based on political expediency and big money interests.

Sincerely,
s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 2:30 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Kang.MLA, Anne LASS:EX; D'Eith.MLA, Bob LASS:EX; Ma.MLA, Bowinn LASS:EX; Ralston.MLA, Bruce LASS:EX; James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX; Trevena.MLA, Claire F LASS:EX; Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX; Donaldson.MLA, Doug LASS:EX; Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX; Begg.MLA, Garry LASS:EX; Chow.MLA, George LASS:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX; Bains.MLA, Harry LASS:EX; Brar.MLA, Jagrup LASS:EX; Routledge.MLA, Janet LASS:EX; Rice.MLA, Jennifer LASS:EX; Sims.MLA, Jinny LASS:EX; Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; Darcy.MLA, Judy LASS:EX; Chen.MLA, Katrina LASS:EX; Conroy.MLA, Katrine LASS:EX; Popham.MLA, Lana LASS:EX; Krog.MLA, Leonard LASS:EX; Beare.MLA, Lisa LASS:EX; Elmore.MLA, Mable LASS:EX; Mark.MLA, Melanie LASS:EX; Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX; Farnworth.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; Dean.MLA, Mitzi LASS:EX; Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX; Singh.MLA, Rachna LASS:EX; Chouhan.MLA, Raj LASS:EX; Kahlon.MLA, Ravi LASS:EX; Glumac.MLA, Rick LASS:EX; Fleming.MLA, Rob LASS:EX; Leonard.MLA, Ronna-Rae LASS:EX; Fraser.MLA, Scott LASS:EX; Robinson.MLA, Selina LASS:EX; Simpson.MLA, Shane L LASS:EX; 'Spencer Herbert'
Cc: s.22
Subject: On Drowning the Peace

Dear NDP MLAs,

Excuses

Here's the first thing that I can't get past regarding your decision to drown the Peace: I just don't believe the reasons you've given for doing so.

Political activists come to understand there is a difference between the truth: the facts as known by those who have educated themselves on an issue, and the "party line": the story told by politicians to the less informed to make the party's actions palatable while not revealing their real reasons.

As you know, Site C is a dam to nowhere. It will perpetuate an outdated grid-dependent infrastructure, and produce energy that we won't need for years – if ever – at far higher production costs than sales costs.

The party line tells us that we must go ahead with the dam anyway. It says there is nothing to show for the officially estimated \$4 Billion of "sunk" costs to shut down the dam project. So in order to maintain our credit rating, those costs would have to be paid at a more punitive rate than the \$10.7 Billion officially (I, personally, am forecasting \$12 to \$15 Billion) estimated to complete it.

But those who have been encouraging you to save the Peace note that much of the infrastructure built for Site C is already an asset; that the estimated \$2 Billion to repair the mess would probably be closer to the \$336 Million spent on a similar dam amelioration in the US; that the BC Utilities Commission report assumed that termination costs would be amortised over a 30 year period, making the impacts on ratepayers negligible; and that while the cost of not completing the dam won't impact our credit rating, completing the dam might.

No doubt you are familiar with the information from the blog below: www.peacevalleyland.com/blog/date/2017-12;

And I am certain you will have read the following responses to your decision:

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

https://thetyee.ca/News/2017/12/06/Site-C-Cancellation-Costs-Exaggerated-Says-Chief/?utm_source=weekly
<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/op-ed/comment-site-c-continues-on-premier-s-faulty-arguments-1.23121222>
<https://thetyee.ca/News/2017/12/18/Site-C-Utter-Nonsense/>

I'd be hopeful that you might change your minds based on these comments, but I also note that some of you have doubled down on your story and have been doing the party line dance in the media.

I am sadly and personally familiar with the processes of cooption. I recognise it's unlikely that you will change your opinion now that you've committed yourselves to it to this degree.

Nevertheless, the Peace Valley Landowners' Association has asked the Auditor General for an emergency review of your decision, to see which of the duelling economists are right.

Hopefully we will know soon.

If not the reasons given then why? Because we don't believe the party line, many long term political activists have speculated on the real reasons for your decision.

Some think, for example, that with the launching of a new bidding process, it's a gift to the unions and NDP insider lobbyists.

I believe Site C will be used as an excuse to ignore the science on the environmental impacts of fracking, so that the stranded power from Site C can be used by the LNG industry as the Liberals planned.

I can't even begin to express how strongly I hope to be proven wrong on this.

Ethics

Regardless of whether I'm right about all of the above or none of it however, here's the other thing I can't get past: I see no ethical difference between Trudeau's decision to allow Kinder Morgan to put BC's economy and environment at risk "for the good of Canada", and the NDP's decision to destroy First Nations' and other landowners' property "for the good of BC".

Only in a state of dire emergency does a government have the moral right and horrible duty to make decisions that benefit one set of people at the expense of another. Site C is not that emergency.

As for your plans to ameliorate the harm you are doing – well – you just can't make up for the loss of traditional lands by relocating folks and the graves of their ancestors.

Sacred ground simply isn't interchangeable.

Because, and only because, of my personal loyalty to Doug Routley and Leonard Krog, I've been trying to decide what, if anything, would help me move past this betrayal of human and environmental rights to make it possible for me to continue to support your party.

Maybe, I thought, if you impose a moratorium on fracking? Or maybe if you do that and force fin fish farms out of the ocean? Or maybe if you do those things and stop Kinder Morgan? Or maybe all of the above plus forcing mining corporations to clean up their messes and start following the law? And fix BC Hydro. And fix the ferries. And ...

But none of those things take me past your imperialist decision to destroy First Nations' beloved and sacred lands – their national heritage – "for the good" of Settler society.

I promised all of you when you were considering Site C that if you went ahead with the dam to nowhere I would send my NDP donations to the West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations to help with their court case against your government. I have done that.

But since the Dec. 11 decision, I've also struggled with whether I can support the NDP in any way – s.22
s.22

Here's what I've decided: when all the First Nations of the Peace forgive the NDP for what's been done to their homelands, I'll go back to supporting the party.

As for how – or whether – I will vote in the next election, it's too early to say.

I'll just have to see whether this ends up being the last time your government betrays the trust I had that you would be different from the previous one.

Sadly, given my surmise above about the fracking review, and from the sounds of what's on the table regarding the BC Ferries review, I suspect it won't be.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 2:39 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C dam approval

Dear Premier John Horgan,

Having heard your government's decision to carry on with this project I now believe our province ought to move forward on a variety of initiatives to encourage the use of the resulting future increase of available electricity. One such is the sale of that power into the continental grid - particularly to Alberta. Another is, as I believe I heard discussed by a representative of your government, the elimination of tier 2 residential rates - those which curtail demand due to high costs particularly from those folks who have electric baseboard heating in the interior. Another is the now slowly growing source of demand by electric vehicles so that when the extra power becomes available BC can take full advantage.

As I understand, there are now available some purchase incentives for BC citizens to use when buying a new electric vehicle or plug-in hybrid. Having family in Ontario discussing this type of program I can't help but think there is room for our province to increase the amount of incentives subject to a sliding scale based on purchase price and capped at a reasonable sum. Commercial vehicles could be a great addition to the incentive program. Also to have a further modest increase in demand for electricity it would seem that if incentive programs were expanded to include electric bicycles and scooters more folks, especially us seniors, would buy such units.

While there have been many positive announcements made by your administration recently, I think I am correct in recalling one directed towards getting additional charging facilities for electric vehicles. It relates to the sale of electric power by other than licenced utilities. Hopefully this means that auto service stations, RV campsites, motels, restaurants and more will soon be able to install the necessary infrastructure so as to service customers who want their electric vehicle charged while travelling. I recognize that for northern communities there may not be much additional hardware to be installed as many already have plug-ins for customers so as to keep their engine blocks, transmissions and batteries warm when the vehicle is parked but in the south and on the islands more is needed.

In that regard it appears to me that an early start on high speed charger installation would get BC to the point of being able to offer electric vehicle customers the necessary charging speed to quickly top up and be on their way anywhere in the more populated areas of BC. No doubt there would be many interested municipalities who, with a matching grant, would be interested in getting this kind of infrastructure construction program going. In my view, as few as 100 such stations in larger municipalities could handle demand for the southern half of our province. .

Lastly, I think this kind of approach could be successfully marketed to US tourists. Instead to the Schwarzenegger/Campbell hydrogen highway why not the Brown/Horgan electric highway?

Thank you for your attention. It's once again an exciting time to live here in Metro Vancouver with your government actually fulfilling the promises made in the last election!

s.22

PS. While I have voted for Green candidates vying for a seat at all 3 levels of government for many years, my faith in your approach was such that a vote for Morgane Oger seemed best this year. It still does.

s.22

From:
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 1:45 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

s.22

December 19, 2017

The Honourable John Horgan, MLA

Box 9041, Stn. Provincial Government

Victoria, B.C.

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Dear Mr. Premier,

As a 65 year-old lifelong supporter, donor, member and campaign worker for the Provincial NDP, I am flabbergasted, dismayed and angry that you have taken the environmentally insane decision to finish the Site C project.

Please note that I will not be sending my (usual) year-end donation to the Provincial NDP, but will instead be sending this money to the First Nations who are presently challenging this project in the courts.

You have made a terrible mistake Premier Horgan, with this your most important decision so far; by doing so, you have lost my support, as well as a large number of long-term NDP supporters with this regrettable decision.

Please reconsider and cancel this boondoggle. It is still not too late!

Yours truly,

s.22

cc. Carol James, MLA

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 1:21 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Subject: Peace Site C: your reconsideration please

Dear Premier and Ministers:

No doubt it was difficult to absorb the 4 Billion dollar debt already incurred by the liberal government prior to your forming the provincial government, hopefully for the next four years or so. But it is far more difficult for me and no doubt many other voters to justify a projected further investment estimated at \$10.7 billion for electrical power which we do not need or want at this time. To me this suggests you are throwing away good money after the previous governments bad decision. you will also be committing a vast amount of fossil fuel energy equal to unknown tens of thousands of tons carbon emissions into the already overburdened atmosphere and detracting from any possibility of Canada meeting emissions targets [Canada sets carbon emissions reduction target of 30% by 2030 ...](#) . This is in disregard for the already sea level rise that is predicted to flood many low lying islands and estuaries throughout the planet. Further you will be putting about 6,500 hectares of farmland in the Peace valley underwater and out of production. What is this additional cost to BC? And of course there will be the cost of the several legal actions that must be resolved and which could seriously delay the project.

There is also the significant loss of good will to the original users of these lands, the aboriginal peoples. What will the costs be in this arena.

And there is the spectre of an election for the next BC government which will be coming along in the not so distant future.

Perhaps these billions might be better spent on developing alternative non-fossil based energy systems.

Are you sure Peace Site C is the right choice?

s.22

Michelle Mungall
Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
Ref.: 103182
of December 14, 2017

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with me about the future of the Site C dam. I appreciate the active participation from British Columbians on this issue and want to assure you that I listened and heard your concerns.

As you are most likely aware, we have made the difficult decision to proceed with Site C. The project should never have been started, but we cannot change the previous government's mistakes. To do anything but move forward would require British Columbians to take on \$4 billion in debt that would have to result in massive cuts

to the services people count on us to deliver. After witnessing the legacy of BC Liberal cuts, I can't allow that to happen again.

I understand that this may not have been the outcome you hoped for, and want to assure you that as this project continues, we will honour and respect the commitment demonstrated by those who oppose Site C and share in their determination to move British Columbia to a better future.

Our Government will address many of the concerns we heard from British Columbians throughout the province with a number of conditions and initiatives including:

- A new Project Assurance Board that will provide independent oversight to future contract procurement and management, project deliverables, environmental integrity, and quality assurance – all within the mandate of delivering the project on time and budget. Based on current projections, BC Hydro has revised the budget to \$10.7 billion.
- Establishing new Community Benefits Programs mandated with ensuring that project benefits assist local communities, and increasing the number of apprentices and First Nations workers hired onto the project.
- Ensuring a Peace River Legacy Fund implements solutions to longer-term environmental, social and economic issues.
- A new BC Food Security Fund – based on Site C revenues – dedicated to supporting farming and enhancing agricultural innovation and productivity across British Columbia.
- Activating the \$20 million agricultural compensation fund to offset lost sales and stimulate long-term productivity enhancements in Peace Valley agriculture.

We recognize the significant impacts on Treaty 8 First Nations and that's why Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and I met directly with Treaty 8 Leaders in their territory. Our Government and BC Hydro will work in partnership with Treaty 8 First Nations on measures to address their concerns, including a re-design of the Highway 29 re-alignment to reduce impact on potential burial sites and sacred places, and the establishment of a Treaty 8 project advisory committee. Further, we will ask BC Hydro to consider the development of a new procurement stream for smaller scale renewable electricity projects where First Nations are proponents or partners.

Our Government remains fully committed to meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples - to working in partnership with all First Nations, and to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Once again, I want to thank you for your valuable perspective on this issue. I am committed to continuing a dialogue with all British Columbians as the project proceeds.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mungall

Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 10:21 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C
Attachments: badge-presents.svg; ATT00001.htm; 83x49xbrain-health-pic_presents_size_thumb.jpg.pagespeed.ic.xCJToWHByN.jpg; ATT00002.htm; xHorgan_close_up_square_thumb.jpg.pagespeed.ic.okBNI_Wjul.jpg; ATT00003.htm; xico_fishie.png.pagespeed.ic.I4dkjKUag_.png; ATT00004.htm

SHAME ON YOU:

Marc Eliesen, the former president and CEO of BC Hydro, says Premier John Horgan's rationale for proceeding with the Site C dam is "utter nonsense" and "not in accordance with the facts."

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

s.22

From:
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 10:17 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam reconsideration

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing today about the NDP decision on Site C Dam project. Water, soil/seeds are are our greatest needs in life. Are we giving away our water rights with SiteC Dam? Not a gamble I want to take ~ how about you? NAFTA effectively gives away our sovereignty rights over our water and puts it in the hands of corporations. I would ask you to watch this video and share it with your caucus. It is not too late to stop this project that has dire implications to our food security in BC/Canada.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJZuyUJzBKY&sns=fb>.

Thank you,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 10:12 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Site C

Dear Mr. Horgan,

I have voted NDP every year since I could vote. Both federally and provincially. I won't be doing that again.

I would have thought politicians had learned a lesson after the Glen Clark/Fast Ferries fiasco. Taxpayers got hit big time with that one. Egos and self-importance damn near bankrupt us then. The Liberals tried again with the Site C dam.

I thought the NDP would be different. I thought the NDP would **do** different. The coalition between you and the green party was supposed to be meaningful and progressive. Instead its the same old, same old. Different names, different parties, same shit.

We are living in the 21st century. There is no need to destroy thousands of hectares, displace people and communities and murder animals

(because I am pretty sure all you important people haven't figured out how to transplant animals whose environment you've destroyed) to provide us with electricity. You create fear by saying our hydro rates will go up 12% if we cancel ...that is just lying. When a single man in Metchosin can install solar into his home for \$60,000 and create enough electricity to power his home, a cottage and 2 electric vehicles and have a credit from BC Hydro then you are doing something definitively wrong. So I don't know who you are pandering to but it isn't the people who voted for you.

My guess is you and Andrew Weaver have just destroyed your party base. I won't be voting for you again.

All this money?! and I still have to pay \$75 one way to get off this island! How about you do what you did for the lower mainland. Cancel tolls on a bridge I am now paying for! Cancels fares on Vancouver Island ferries to the mainland and let the rest of the people of BC pick up that tab. That makes as much sense as having me pay for bridges I never use....a dam that will never produce cheap enough energy to get a smidgeon of our money back. At \$10,000,000,000 I should have free electricity for life.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 9:24 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Project

Dear Premier Horgan

Thank you for your positive decision on the Site C Project. I am sure it caused you a lot of doubt and anguish but you made a decision for all the people and the future prosperity of BC history will prove you correct in your actions.

It is gratifying to see governments make decisions that influence the future progress of our Province rather than 3 to 4 year elected terms.

It is rumoured that a decision is being considered regarding our twice year time change. We lived in Saskatchewan in the 60's when they struggled with the same problem with some communities even going on half time for a while. I think that more daylight at the end of the day is beneficial to most and that permanent daylight saving would be a popular choice.

Yours truly

s.22



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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 8:32 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX
Subject: please reconsider

<https://www.thetyee.ca/News/2017/12/18/Site-C-Utter-Nonsense/>

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 7:01 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Elizabeth May; Jagmeet Singh
Subject: Site C and NAFTA - Economist speaks

Dr Mr Horgan, Mr Weaver, Ms May & Mr Singh,

Bulk water made ready for NAFTA by Site C

<https://canadians.org/blog/economist-links-site-c-dam-nafta-and-bulk-water-exports>

It is not too late to reverse your decision Mr Horgan and stop Site C!
A dam that keeps cracking and costing more money to fix while still being constructed is not going to be the answer. Imagine when it cracks and floods when it is finally made !

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 10:02 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX
Cc: Sheila Malcolmso MPn
Subject: Trails of Broken Promises: A Settler Government Resurrects Site C

In a follow-up to my first email response to your agreeing to flood the Peace River valley and build the Site C dam - the unnecessary, structurally faulty, environmentally destructive, destroying farm land, destroying land used and needed by the First Nations peoples in the area Site C dam - I am informing you that I will no longer be voting NDP, at the least, provincially. I have voted NDP since I was able to first vote in 1972, but you have become another dishonest, unethical, unwise government, following rather than ethical, intelligent leaders. I say this with sadness both because of this decision as well as the loss to me of the political party that I relied on.

Yours sincerely,
s.22

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From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 8:07 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bowinn.Ma@leg.bc.ca; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: Federal New Democrats could face an uphill battle in B.C. in 2019 in wake of Site C decision | Georgia Straight Vancouver's News & Entertainment Weekly

<https://www.straight.com/news/1009346/federal-new-democrats-could-face-uphill-battle-bc-2019-wake-site-c-decision>

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 6:27 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear BC Premier John Horgan,

I am writing to express my sincere disbelief and shock as I heard the news today that your provincial government, Mr Horgan, has permitted the construction of Site C Dam.

Mr Horgan, may I ask you how you can support this decision, while staying true to your word and commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples in BC and in Canada, when you yourself have acknowledged that flooding the Peace River would violate rights protected by Treaty 8?

I voted for the NDP this last provincial election based on what I believed to be you and your party's genuine commitment to Indigenous people, their culture and their land. I voted for you and your party because I believed you would stand up for reconciliation and Indigenous human rights that we have far too long neglected in this province and in this country.

With respect, I urge you to repeal your decision. I urge you, at the very least, to ensure that no harm be done to the people and land of the Peace River until Treaty 8 rights are resolved.

With respect, I urge you to acknowledge and honour with your actions, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, and BC's enduring and unwavering demonstrated support for the rights of Indigenous people and reconciliation in this country.

I am sincerely and deeply outraged and surprised. And to be honest, I feel betrayed by the party I voted for.

Its not too late. Please do the right thing you KNOW is right. Repeal your decision, and take a historic stand for Indigenous and non Indigenous people in this province and in this country by honouring Indigenous human rights.

Thank you,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 4:52 PM
To: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Routley.MLA,
Douglas G LASS:EX
Subject: Infrastructure investment

Since your government is willing to dump \$10 billion into Site C, perhaps we coastal dwellers should remind you of this:

<https://youtu.be/QVsRQU4jgzg>

Thank you, and happy holidays.

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

s.22

From:
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 3:50 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

You had a chance and you blew it. I have voted the NDP for years and now am in my seventies. You have lost my vote. You will wear this incorrect decision until it pulls you out of office. My grand kids will be paying for your mistake economically, environmentally, and morally. The word on the street is that you're no different than all the other political professionals. Opposition is pointing the finger at us and saying, "I told you so, you're no different than the rest of them". You made the decision, not the Liberals, you had a choice and you blew it, you backed away. I can only assume you got some poor advice and listened to it.

Wondering what went wrong,

s.22

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From:
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 3:43 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: With all due respect, you are making a huge mistake

To Premier John Horgan:

For years, I've been watching from the other side of the country with dismay and disbelief as British Columbia forges ahead with its plans to destroy its own precious natural environment.

Your decision to not bring a halt to the Site C project is outrageous. Before being elected you questioned the validity of the project, raising the hopes of millions of people who object to the flooding of the Peace River Valley and the gross violation of the rights of Indigenous peoples, rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution. People have been campaigning against this project for so long and they hoped that in you they had an ally, someone who saw the insanity of this project and would finally bring it to an end.

There is no rational justification for allowing this project to continue. The financial costs should not be the focus. Instead the environmental costs, as well as the harm done to the rights of Indigenous peoples -- these should be the focus. No short-term saving can justify the damage that is being done and will be done.

Study after study, including an independent review by the BC Utilities Commission, have reached the same conclusions: there is no need for this massively destructive project and in the end the costs far outweigh the benefits.

At the very least, you should halt construction while the legal challenges of the The West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations work their way through the courts.

But in truth, that is not good enough. Instead you should have the courage to provide real leadership for the people of British Columbia and bring a halt to this insane project once and for all.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Sharon Noble; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; s.22
Subject: Please reconsider your decision

As a voter I am very disappointed in your decision regarding the Site C project. What I want to know is how you can possibly think that the cost of shutting down this project of a cost of \$4 Billion is worse than spending over \$10 Billion or more to complete the project. This project is only in year 2 of a 9 year time line and they are already \$2 Billion over budget.

You must realize that the geotechnical problems such as the tension cracks already in place could be disastrous if the dam is built. What if one of the cracks breaks through and then the whole area could be wiped out by massive flooding and loss of both human and animal lives. Have you even considered that? Also can you imagine what the cost of that clean up and restitution to the residents of the area would be.

"Marc Eliesen, the former president and CEO of BC Hydro, says Premier John Horgan's rationale for proceeding with the Site C dam is "utter nonsense" and "not in accordance with the facts." "

Marc Eliesen says that the remarks you made "to cancel would add billions to the province's debt — putting at risk our ability to deliver housing, child care, schools and hospitals for families across B.C." are not true

"The \$4-billion cost of cancellation — based on the \$2.1 billion already spent and \$1.8 billion in site remediation costs — doesn't have a significant impact on the government's operating budget and would not affect budgets for things like social services, said Eliesen."

You also know that the BCUC stated that whether or not the project goes ahead the costs would be about the same unless the build goes over budget and we know that always happens. From reading the report from the BCUC I myself gather that they are really saying DONT' DO THIS.

You are only going to get the good people of this province angry because the majority do not want this project to be done period.

My advise to you is bluntly **Get your head out of your ass, Tell the Unions to back off and think of the people first.** We voted you in to work for the people and you are not on this. Sounds more like your predecessor.

s.22

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 3:12 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C Dam

Dear Premier Horgan,
understanding that the decision to continue the building of Site C Dam was a very difficult decision for you and your government to make, I do want you to know that I as a voter and tax payer am greatly disappointed and concerned.
I am approaching my senior years, s.22

s.22 | to cover the totally
unpredictable costs of this projects?
My friends express great concern over how we have settled their children and grandchildren with this horrendes debt.
Nobody believes that by selling surplus hydro it would even come close to cover the cost of this project.
Sincerely, s.22
Sent from my iPad

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 2:33 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site-C Dam

Dear Mr. Horgan:

I have voted for the NDP, both federally and provincially, for many years, as well as giving my financial support the best that I was able to do. Always hoping for the day when a party would get into power who would put people first, before corporate profit. When we finally were successful here in B.C. in the last election I was very happy.

At election time it is not uncommon to hear some people say that "there is no point in voting for any of them, they are all the same and as soon as they get into power they break promises and disappoint". Your decision last week to give the "go-ahead" for the Site-C Dam has now destroyed my belief that it is worth voting at all. You, truly, do all seem to be the same! By this action you have shown that the people of the Peace River area are of no account to you.

How many more "apologies" are going to be necessary to the First Nations People of our province and country as a whole? Apologies are all well and good particularly for things that have been done in the past and now cannot be undone. But it should never be necessary again going forward. You should, by now, know not to do things which are going to negatively impact their lives. To go ahead with such a devastating plan as the Site-C Dam, knowing that people will suffer, and to say that it is "too late to turn back now" just shows that you do not have the guts to stand up as a true NDP member and stop this thing from happening before it truly is too late. It is not too late until it is done! Then it will be necessary to make yet another apology to the people whose lives you have destroyed.

I live s.22 very close to a Christian Cemetery. I know if that cemetery were in an area destined to be flooded for a dam, that there is no way on earth that it would be allowed to happen, no matter what the cost! And yet you are prepared to desecrate First Nations Sacred Ground. Why? This is only for profit! We don't need this dam! No matter how you try to excuse it, you are taking Christie Clarke's mess and making it worse! But, you do have the power stop it!

Our planet is dying under our care and steps need to be taken now to mitigate the destruction. The Peace River area is a fertile agricultural area. Where do you think we are going to be able to get food from for our people in the future? Do we always have to rely on imports? And what when the areas we are importing from are no longer able to produce enough to feed us all? With drought, caused by climate change, becoming an increasing problem the cost of food will be so high that only the wealthy will be able to survive. But you will have destroyed a good growing area that can feed many!

I urge you to reconsider this decision and stop the flooding of the Peace River Valley for the Site-C dam.

Yours truly very disappointed,

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 2:22 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: A betrayal of trust

From s.22
Sent: December 18, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: A betrayal of trust

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For sixteen years the NDP had struggled in the shadows of the Liberal Party hoping to someday be elected and given the chance to prove that the NDP is worthy of the trust of the B.C. voter. But after only a brief period in office, there is already a trail of broken promises.

Meanwhile, according to media reports, Kinder Morgan's planned pipeline project is now underway - apparently unhindered by the NDP. I wonder what excuses you will offer us when you declare that you had no choice but to approve its completion.

Yours dejectedly,
s.22

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To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
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From: s.22
Date: Mon, Dec 18, 2017 at 1:10 PM
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To: john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 12:57 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site "C"

I am 75 years old and a Liberal and before that a Social Credit supporter. You are to be congratulated on making the right decision for the good of the Province on Cite C rather than the political one which would have resulted in massive buys of Alberta coal fired electricity for years to come.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 12:48 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Follow-up letter to the Premier & an accountability summit in January

All are welcome to share these two letters to the Premier:

1) December 15, 2017

Dear Premier Horgan:

I write to you as Chair of the Peace Valley Solidarity Initiative ("PVSI") to request your participation in an accountability summit following on your December 11th announcement in support of continuing construction of the Site C dam and the flooding of the Peace River Valley, including West Moberly First Nations territory, Prophet River First Nation territory and the homes of many others.

We do not accept the justification offered by you for continuing the construction of Site C.

As a consequence and in consideration of the public outrage over your decision, we are planning an open accountability summit to be held over the last weekend of January 2018 in Victoria.

Our intention is to review the rationale for your continuation decision and the consultation/decision-making processes mandated by your government in reaching your decision. We will decide on action plans and new directions.

We request your attendance at this summit and that of Cabinet members who played key roles in this decision-making.

Many members of the public participated in good faith in the process you established with the BC Utilities Commission to review the Site C project but your decision does not reflect their findings or conclusions.

Our interest in your participation in this summit would be to learn more from you about the basis of your decision and your thoughts about improving decision-making processes designed for public input to achieve open, fair and transparent decisions.

To be clear, during the time provided for your presentation, we will ensure a respective dialogue in terms of audience participation.

Thank you for consideration of this request. I will be in touch soon with further details as our planning progresses and to confirm arrangements.

Under separate cover, we have requested the public release of all the information and advice your Government received that led to your December 11th announcement for continuation of this project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Gray
Chair, Peace Valley Solidarity Initiative Victoria, BC

2) December 15, 2017

Dear Premier Horgan,

I write to you as Chair of the Peace Valley Solidarity Initiative ("PVSI"). On December 11, 2017, your Government announced it will be supporting the completion of the Site C dam and the flooding of the Peace River Valley, including the West Moberly First Nations territory, Prophet River First Nation territory and the homes of many others.

On November 1, 2017, the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("BCUC") submitted its Final Report to your Government's inquiry into Site C. This report concluded BC Hydro's forecast for future energy needs to be "excessively optimistic." It found that "increasingly viable alternative energy sources such as wind, geothermal and industrial curtailment could provide similar benefits to ratepayers as the Site C project." And it held the costs of termination and remediation to be approximately \$1.8 billion in addition to the costs of providing alternative sources of energy.

But while your Government has held the BCUC up to be an independent, impartial regulator and source of information for determining the future of Site C, your decision does not reflect their findings or conclusions. In contrast, despite a stated commitment to transparency, your Government's decision is based on information and advice to which no member of the public has access.

Indeed, in a blog post released on December 11, the Attorney General, David Eby, stated that after receiving BCUC's Final Report, your Government received "unambiguous advice" from financial experts that suggested concerns about BCUC's conclusions. Mr Eby goes on to state that your Government was told that the accounting models used by BCUC for determining the costs of alternatives to Site C were "dramatically different," and that abandoning Site C would actually cause hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers to incur an immediate \$3-4 billion public charge. Along these lines, members of your Government have, since Monday, expressed concerns about the sacrifices that would have needed to have been made in order to cover this public charge.

With respect, without access to the information and advice you received, and in the face of significant amounts of contrary information and data received by your Government during its inquiry into Site C, we do not accept the justification offered for continuing with construction of Site C.

As such, we request that your Government release to the public by January 5th, 2018 all information and advice it received that led to your December 11th announcement, including but not limited to:

- the financial advice and analyses you received in response to BCUC's Final Report;
- the accounting models used by your advisors to question BCUC's findings;
- your analyses of the consequences of these accounting models on taxpayers and ratepayers;
- the methods by which you incorporated the value of the Peace River Valley, First Nations territory, and homes that will be flooded into your decision and the above analyses; and
- any other analysis, opinions, advice or data considered in reaching the final decision to continue construction of the Site C dam.

The construction of Site C represents regressive decision-making at a time when climate change, food security, and reconciliation should be top of mind for all British Columbians and our government. As such, we see the release of this information as integral to the accountability you owe to our province and its citizens.

Sincerely,

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Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 12:38 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: A note of disappointment in the Premier

Mr. Premier

You yourself have acknowledged that flooding the Peace River Valley would violate the Indigenous rights protected by Treaty 8 and the Canadian Constitution. To move ahead with Site C—in probable anticipate of ensuing court challenges—seems a somewhat cowardly way to avoid making the right decision for these peoples and for the natural environment.

You must do your part to help Canada keep its, and your. promise to respect Indigenous rights and promote reconciliation. At the very least, ensure that no further harm is done while the issue of Treaty rights obligations remains unresolved.

In this age of Trump cronyism, we need courageous and ethical decision-making.

Thank you,
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 12:32 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

Hon. John Horgan, BC Premier.

Dear John,

We have briefly talked in person. I voted for you and believe you to be a sincere person who wants the best for BC and its citizens. That's why I must know why you have decided to continue with Site C. I am reading through the rather lengthy report by BCUC trying to find a valid reason for your decision. I am not paying attention to the Greens on this because it would be too easy to play politics on this issue.

This mega project was brought on line, i believe, for three reasons: so the Liberals could claim they've increased jobs over their tenure and, thus, improved the economy, set us up for the privatization of Hydro through bankrupting it.... the bonus being that they will use it to show how fiscally responsible they are by showing a balanced budget thereafter (which, of course, is pure crap), and to provide cheap electricity for their corporate friends. Mega projects like these help to cement central control at a time when decentralization is not only possible but preferable. We could all generate power from our homes and become independent of these corporate tyrants who would take control of our power supply and siphon even more of our money into their pockets. It's masked here because we still have our crown corporation but you can bet if these right wing hacks get back in that will all change.

Have you been threatened, either personally or politically (finance ratings, etc.) to force this decision? We would all like to help you if this is the case. I will continue to peruse the BCUC report to find answers because I must know why you made a decision that you knew would shock voters, leave you open to attacks from right wing trolls pretending to be part of your support, and possibly erode your base in the process. I also need to know so we can effectively fend off attacks from those who wish to undermine your government.

Can you give us something to go on besides 'faith'?

Sincerely
s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 11:54 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Site C

https://thetyee.ca/News/2017/12/18/Site-C-Utter-Nonsense/?utm_source=weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=181217

The material in this article is very damning toward the NDP government. It demands an explanation from the Premier's office.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 11:23 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 10:50 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Site C

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From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 10:19 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John ; Ronna-Rae Leonard
Subject: Site C

It sure looks like the Site C approval was for the union boys:

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/its-late-in-the-game-for-new-labour-rules-on-site-c-dam-contracts/article37361834/>

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 11:11 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C Betrayal!

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 2:05 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Fw: Site C Betrayal!

Dear John,

I'm forwarding this email from my friend s.22 . He covers the major reasons that the approval of Site C is a terrible, terrible mistake and shares my sentiments about the decision. I would add that approving it for bookkeeping reasons is unconscionable. While it might be an asset on paper, it will always be a huge liability and will hobble the ability of our children and grandchildren to make decisions about the province they live in and the lives they lead here.

s.22

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 11:02 AM
To: 'Fraser.MLA, Scott'
Cc: ronna-rae.leonard.MLA@leg.bc.ca
Subject: RE: Site C Betrayal!

Hello Scott Fraser:

I have read your letter you sent to me and also David Ebys explanation regarding Site C.
<http://davidbymla.ca/news/site-c-dam-a-personal-explanation-from-david-eby-about-the-financial-issues-driving-this-decision/>

The rationale for the decision does not change my view that economically, Site C is a big mistake. The explanation provided as to why the NDP had “no choice” but to carry on with Site C is best described as “Voodoo Economics.” No matter how you rationalize the decision, (better to have a 12 billion dollar asset than a 4 billion dollar write off), it is a bad investment for the people of BC. (As was stated by many NDP candidates before and during the election campaign.) There are better and less expensive ways to increase electric power in this province.

Dams are 20th century approaches that do not make economic or environmental sense anymore. Dams are being deconstructed in the US. The John Hart Dam in Campbell River is undergoing 1 billion dollars in seismic upgrades- 65 years after it was constructed. How much will be spent on maintenance of the Site C dam after it

is built? Will the 70 year mortgage on the dam be paid off before major retrofits and upgrades will be needed?

The fact is, the money we spend on this boondoggle is still wasted money even if we call it an “asset” and spread the pain over 70 years to BC Hydro ratepayers. It can be categorized as an asset, but that does not make it a good investment in the public interest. (BTW the 12 billion dollar asset will also be a 12 billion dollar liability on BC Hydro books)

Here is a question I would really like answered: What will be the total cost of the project including interest on the 70 year debt pay down and annual dam maintenance? David Eby said that taking on 3- 4 billion dollars in debt by cancelling the project would add debt servicing costs of 150—200 million dollars per year. What will the debt serving costs of 12 billion be over 70 years? Using David Eby’s debt payment formula the annual interest payment on 12 billion dollars would be 450- 600 million annually? No matter if the debt shows up on the government or BC Hydro’s books it is going to cost a lot more to pay off a 12 billion asset for Site C construction costs then a 4 billion dollar write off.

How much power would BC Hydro be able to generate by setting aside 1 billion dollars worth of incentives for BC Hydro customers to install solar or wind? How many jobs would this create? s.22

s.22 who tell me that solar installations in the residential and commercial market would take off if there were incentives for BC Hydro customers to purchase solar and wind technology. Besides creating a lot of jobs, most of the capital investment comes from citizens and business. Not long term public debt. The cost of incentives for citizens to invest in solar and wind would be much lower than the debt servicing costs the province is going to incur for the next 70 years.

Site C is expected to increase hydro generation in the province by 8%. Many other countries such as Britain, Germany and the US have exceeded this already. In Canada Ontario is generation 15% from solar and wind. The public deserves a much better analysis of the total costs and benefits associated with building the dam vs cancelling site C and investing in solar/ wind.

A more deeper look at the reason for this “difficult decision” begs the question of who is in control here? The opinion of bond rating agencies seem to be more important than the long term interests of BC citizens? Are these not the same institutions that rated trillions of dollars of US sub prime mortgages as triple A and double A rated investments. We all know what happened- the economic crisis of 2008.

Future cost overruns for this project are a very real (and I think likely). The construction costs could well exceed what is budgeted due to geotechnical problems that have already added 2 billion in costs. What will be the consequences to the long term debt and total cost of the project if project costs come in 1,2 or 3 billion more? What will be the governments options if interest rates spike sometime in the future? I wonder how long it will be before BC hydro rates become more expensive than solar due to this additional debt load. What will happen when BC residents start to install solar and wind because it is cheaper than buying from BC Hydro? Who will pay the Site C 70 year debt then?

Did the costs of FN litigation get added into the costs of site C?

In the long run the cost to the tax payers and/ or BC Hydro customers makes going forward with Site C a BIG MISTAKE?

Then there are the other non economic reasons not to go forward with Site C:

FN reconciliation requires leadership and doing things differently, not just talk. Your governments choice on Site C sends a very clear message on your priorities- FN reconciliation is not a high priority.

Loss of ecologically significant lands, loss of farm land.

GHG emissions from all the concrete and other construction activity on the project and the methane that will be released due to flooding?

You have seriously undermined NDP support in the province from many of your long time supporters- and this when you have a razor thin hold on power! Your government has pushed cynicism to new heights. I am looking for inspired leadership that does not make business as usual decisions for(perceived) short term political gain and special interests at the expense of the public interest.

No more \$\$ or votes to the NDP from me. Looking forward to supporting any recall campaigns where a green candidate has a chance to throw out an incumbent NDP member who said they opposed Site C during the election.

I would be happy to receive a letter or phone call from you responding to my concerns and questions raised in this letter.

s.22

From: Fraser.MLA, Scott [<mailto:Scott.Fraser.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: December 15, 2017 1:58 PM

To: s.22

Subject: RE: Site C Betrayal!

Hello s.22

Thank you for taking the time to write me about the Site C dam. I want to thank you for your commitment and for speaking out on your principles.

I know the recent decision on Site C will be extremely upsetting for many people across the province. This government shares your grief and disappointment. This is a decision we did not come by lightly and it is the toughest decision I have had to make in my political life.

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I want to acknowledge how painful the decision is for many Indigenous people, for some of the impacted Treaty 8 First Nations, and for every citizen fighting for Indigenous rights. I know many friends, leaders and colleagues I've made over many years are disappointed. I want to tell you I hear your frustrations. Site C's impact on Treaty rights were prominent in the poignant testimonials I heard in our government to government meetings with the Treaty 8 Nations last month. These were heard at the Cabinet table while we deliberated on this decision.

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From: s.22

Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 1:01 PM

To: Fraser.MLA, Scott <Scott.Fraser.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Site C Betrayal!

Hello John, Scott and Ronna-Rae:

The decision to go ahead with Site C is a betrayal to many in your base. The BC utilities commission report provided enough evidence to cancel this project. The decision has now alienated a good part of your base, including me. The economics of the site C project are terrible. Increasing the grid capacity by 8% for a 10 billion dollar price tag is a poor investment. (BTW the cost will be higher, and you know it!)

For a lot less money you could provide incentives to BC Hydro customers to install solar panels to achieve 8% more electricity. This would be a very smart decision, as it would stimulate the green energy sector funded mostly by private households. (Northern European countries and Germany have achieved a much higher percentage than 8%.)

The argument that you make is that it will allow the government to spend more money on daycare and other social services is voodoo economics. Writing off 4 billion of debt will be cheaper than spending another 10+ billion on this project. Hydro rates will go up, solar and wind will decrease in cost. Soon BC hydro customers are not going to need an incentive to switch to solar, it will be cheaper than paying hydro rates that include debt financing of the site C dam project.

There are other reasons which you could have chosen to not approved Site C: environmental, First Nations reconciliation and food security. However, your rationale for going ahead was an economic one. Sorry but the numbers do not add up!

It seems the decision was made to satisfy special interests rather than the public interest and the base of your party. It will be the beginning of the undoing of your government. Once again the NDP shoots itself in the foot when they finally get the reins of power.

I would like a copy of my BC NDP membership card so I can take a picture of me burning it and then posting it to FB and sending the photo out to my network.

I will be taking my membership and NDP donation money and redirect it to fund any recall campaigns where green party candidates have a chance to un seat an NDP candidate over this issue. I will also increase my donations and volunteer time in support of the dogwood initiative and other grass root organizations that can better represent the public interest than the BC NDP.

Shame on you!

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 11:07 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Ernst&Young

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John ; James.MLA, Carole
Cc: Davies.MLA, Dan ; bcauditor@bcauditor.com; Weaver.MLA, Andrew
Subject: Ernst&Young

Dear Premier John Horgan,

I read in a government release dated December 11th, 2017 that BCHydro has retained Ernst&Young to oversee the Site C project.

Is this the same firm that reported to CBC News that they found Site C was on time and within budget of \$8.3Billion in their review in October of 2016?

<https://www.google.ca/amp/www.cbc.ca/amp/1.3801037>

This would leave me to believe that the revised budget of \$10.7billion reflects additional expenses of \$2.5Billion pegged to the project in just the last year?

Can you please disclose what those additional expenses were?

Thank you.

Truly,

s.22

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 11:03 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: The decision needs to be reversed

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 11:08 AM
To: Minister, AG AG:EX ; Eby.MLA, David ; Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: The decision needs to be reversed

I have read through the written NDP response and listened to the Horgan explanation, neither are financially sound arguments. Frankly the rational sounds like a script taken directly from the liberal play book. You have single handedly set back the implementation of green energy in the province by at least a decade which creating an enormous environmental disaster.

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Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 10:47 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C Dam decision - your math is wrong

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From:
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Fraser.MLA, Scott
Cc: Horgan.MLA, John ; Leonard.MLA, Ronna-Rae
Subject: Re: Site C Dam decision - your math is wrong

Hi Scott – I just read this at <https://www.desmog.ca/2017/12/15/ndp-government-s-site-c-math-flunk-say-project-financing-experts> I urge you to read the entire article.

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I also think the NDP has overestimated the costs of remediating the site. The First Nations people say that if the site it is just left alone it will pretty much remediate itself.

I think the NDP bowed to political pressures from those who use the old mantra “jobs jobs jobs” to justify doing things that just aren’t right. Those jobs won’t be there after the dam is built anyway.

You say you want to save us money, but in the long run it will be our grandchildren who end up paying the price. There will also be a big price to pay when food no longer comes to us so cheaply and easily from places like California, and all the wonderful farmland in the Peace River Valley is underwater. There are estimates that that land could feed 2 million people if necessary in the future. But it will no longer be there to do that.

The BCUC says Site C is already over budget and I’d bet my bottom dollar it is going to cost a lot more than anticipated by the time it is finished.

It’s time to start thinking about future generations instead of just the current political cycle. I’m calling on the government to reverse this decision immediately.

s.22

From: [Fraser.MLA, Scott](#)

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 1:50 PM

To: s.22

Subject: RE: Site C Dam decision very disappointing

Hello s.22 ,

Thank you for taking the time to write me today about the Site C dam. I want to thank you for your commitment and for speaking out on your principles.

I know the recent decision on Site C will be extremely upsetting for many people across the province. This government shares your grief and disappointment. This is a decision we did not come by lightly and it is the toughest decision I have had to make in my political life.

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Subject: Site C Dam decision very disappointing

I am extremely disappointed that you are going let the Site C dam go ahead. The NDP will never get another vote from me.

s.22

Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 10:35 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C

s.22
From
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 6:08 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Site C

Mr Horgan

I for one believe you made the correct and courageous decision on the Site C Dam
s.22

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From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 10:33 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: site c

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 11:56 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: site c

I hope this crap (site C) dies. I am not first nations, my folks are from Finland. But I still have a voice. I was born here. My boyfriend and I may leave because of the shitty environmental situation here. Is this what people do? Kill the planet for money? Do you know how many animals will drown? It's on your karma. If people like us leave all the energy goes too. then you're left with greed.

NDP supporter. But you should make better decisions.

Thanks!

s.22

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From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 10:30 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 7:36 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Site C

Dear Premier Horgan,

I feel saddened and indeed betrayed by your decision to go ahead with the Site C damn project. I believe that the decision is flawed for economic and environmental reasons. Furthermore, the decision does not in any way respect those whose land - this sacred land, beautiful, fertile land - will be destroyed against their will.

I voted for the NDP because many of those running for office promised or intimated that site C would not go forward.

I will vote Green in the future. Shame on the NDP.

Yours sincerely,

s.22

From: s.22
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To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Rationale for Site C 'Utter Nonsense,' Says Former Hydro CEO | The Tyee

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thought you might like this story from TheTyee.ca:



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Province had ability to cancel project without cutting services, argues Eliesen.

<https://thetyee.ca/News/2017/12/18/Site-C-Utter-Nonsense/>

They included the following message:

We're not going away John. We'll be there at election time with clear minds and total recall. As one reader here put it, "The NDP's strength was their credibility." It is gone John.

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To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
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From: S.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Site C

Dear Mr. Horgan,

Am very pleased to see Site C go ahead. I recognize the difficult decision on your part, and laud your position taken. Kudos to NDP, which I have never supported. You have my support.

Sincerely, S.22

Sent from my iPad

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From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
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To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Site C

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 9:08 AM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Site C

Dear Mr Horgan, just letting you know I am pleased with your decision to continue with the site c project. Although expensive it will provide clean renewable energy on demand for a very long time. I am very supportive of other forms of renewal power (wind , solar...) but their power can't be stored as hydro can. So thanks for not caving into public pressure and all the misinformation about this project. However I am very disappointed with the removal of the tolls on several of our lower mainland bridges. I firmly believe we need to build on the concept of road pricing so the costs of using our roads (and ferry system) are accurately calculated and users pay a more realistic share. We need to expand our transit systems and shift people from single occupancy vehicles. Road pricing along with better transit options will help to do this. Look forward to seeing what initiatives the NDP government does in the next 3 years.

Thanks s.22

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From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 9:41 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: No, the NDP needs to see our massive rejection of the Site C Dam Re: You NEED to see this, S.22

-----Original Message-----

From: S.22

Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 12:06 AM

To: Jagmeet Singh <info@ndp.ca>

Subject: No, the NDP needs to see our massive rejection of the Site C Dam Re: You NEED to see this S.22

If you want our money or support stop Site C Dam in BC, otherwise screw off.

We supported NDP with all our efforts and resources last provincial election to stop Christy Clark and with that the NDP won. But they promised to stop the Site C and keep the Peace.

Unless you reverse the Site C decision to flood the Peace you have disheartened, deceived, depressed and lost many very strong supporters who helped you win here in BC,

That support is over unless you stop Site C because Site C will ruin our economy and environment for generation to come. Our grandchildren's future are more important than your dam contractors money.

Our support and honour now belong to the ones who has been true to honouring and protecting the land and waters of BC for future generations.

Their name are Grand Chief Stewart Phillips and his wife Joan, not John Horgan's back room controllers and courtiers.

,On 2017-12-15 11:15 AM, Jagmeet Singh wrote:

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:S.22

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> I just got off the stage at an event in Toronto, and learned that we hit our \$50,000 target in less than 72 hours!

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> This is incredible news, S.22 . That support is going to help us prepare for upcoming by-elections and give us the tools we need to win.

>

> But we're just getting started. We need organizers on the ground across the country in 2018, and we only have until December 31 to make sure we have the resources to do it.

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> Chip in \$5 right now and join the thousands of other New Democrats who have helped get us ready for 2018 - and if you do it before December 31 at midnight, you'll get up to \$3.75* back in tax credits.

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> If we're going to form the first NDP government in the history of Canada in 2019, it means our 2018 has to be pretty special - and with your support ^{s.22}, it will be.

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> This is the best time to give, ^{s.22}. Get \$3.75* back at tax time when you donate \$5 before December 31.

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> ndp.ca/end-of-year

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> With love and courage,

>

> Jagmeet Singh

> Leader

> Canada's NDP

>

> * This tax credit calculation is based on the total 2017 donations associated with this email address. If you donated using another email, or donated very recently, this calculation may be wrong. We appreciate all of your support!

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> What's the deal with the tax credit?

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> Donations to the NDP are eligible for a generous tax credit, which means you get to help us build a better Canada, and get a nice big return at tax time - it's win-win!

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> You get 75% of the first \$400 you give. So at the end of the day, you spend \$100 - but our team can invest \$400 in things like our ground game, or sending Jagmeet across Canada.

> It's a pretty great deal - but you need to give by December 31 if you're going to get a big return this summer.

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Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 9:41 AM
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From: Canada-Philippines Solidarity [mailto:cps_hr@yahoo.ca]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:42 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Cc: Heyman.MLA, George ; Conroy.MLA, Katrine ; Robinson.MLA, Selina ; Fleming.MLA, Rob ; Dix.MLA, Adrian ; Darcy.MLA, Judy ; Routledge.MLA, Janet ; Elmore, Mable ; Don Davies ; Randall Garrison ; MP Peter Julian ; Gail Davidson ; Migrante BC ; Alliance for People's Health ; Mining Justice Alliance ; Catherine Coumans
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An Open Letter to John Horgan
Premier of British Columbia

RE: Site C Dam

15 December 2017

Dear Mr. Horgan,

The Mining Justice Alliance (MJA-Vancouver) and Canada-Philippines Solidarity for Human Rights (CPSHR) join the public outcry of British Columbians with your NDP government's appalling decision to continue the Site C dam operation.

Site C dam is an injustice, not only against the First Nations but in particular the Treaty 8 First Nations who are adversely affected by and oppose Site C.

As residents of the Unceded First Nations territory known as British Columbia, we understand that the Indigenous peoples' struggle for land and life in Canada, is just as important and equally as dire as it is in the Philippines and anywhere else in the world.

It would be impossible for us to demand justice for the thousands of Indigenous Filipinos in the Philippines who are currently fighting against corporate development projects, such as dams and large-scale mining, and not demand the same justice be done for the First Nations whose lives would be negatively impacted by the Site C.

We denounce the continuation of Site C and see your decision as a betrayal to the First Nations people and to the people who believed in your party's promise of "making reconciliation a cross-government priority." Reconciliation does not begin with the destruction of 13,000 hectares of ancestral First Nations domain, a prime agricultural land, a place for hunting and fishing among other practices.

In solidarity, we stand with our First Nation brothers and sisters who are resisting against government sanctioned corporate development projects that would destroy that which their lives are inextricably tied to, that which provides and feeds, and that which holds thousands of years of history and identity: *the land*.

Mr. Premier, no amount of energy is worth the destructive cost of Site C!

NO TO SITE C DAM

NO TO CORPORATE GREED

DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS

For reference:

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cjgreenbeans@gmail.com
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**The Mining Justice Alliance (MJA)* is a Vancouver-based coalition of activists, civil society organizations, students, and community members formed in response to concerns about endemic injustice within Canada's state-supported mining industry in Canada, the Americas and around the globe.

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Canada-Philippines Solidarity for Human Rights (CPSHR)

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Canada-Philippines-Solidarity-for-Human-Rights/>

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Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 9:36 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Your decision with regards to SITE C

From: s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 9:20 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John
Subject: Your decision with regards to SITE C

Dear Mr. Horgan

I do not wish to attach the label of Premier to your name because I feel you have not earned it.

Until the last election, I had voted NDP my entire life. This election, I had a gut feeling that the NDP party had become too much like other parties - more concerned with saying what the electorate wanted to hear rather than actually following through on what the electorate wanted. I voted Green for the first time in the hopes that they, at least, might be able to mitigate the current dynamic of power by the elite.

Your recent decision to approve the continuation of Site C just confirmed my fears. Rather than listening to experts who decried the waste of money and resources on this boondoggle, rather than listening to climate change scientists, rather than listening to the people who elected you on the promise you were AGAINST Site C, you chose to make a political decision - one based on power? greed?, rather than economic, environmental, and social justice factors.

We, as the world, are at a crossroads. If we, as Canadian and British Columbians do not stand up and say - Enough - we will take seriously our pledge to work and honour our First Nations - then we, once again, have acted like British colonizers and speak with a forked tongue.

If we, as Canadians and British Columbians, do not have the foresight to know that decisions can no longer be based solely on economic bottom lines, then we are losing any chance at changing our world.

If we humans, and our leaders, do NOT take the difficult step of holding our nose and saying, "yes this hurts, but we have to do it" in regards to developing alternative power sources and reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, we are doomed to leave a legacy of unbearable hurt and damage to our world for our grandchildren to deal with.

I once believed in the NDP as having the foresight to make hard decisions. I no longer believe that. I am not sure I even believe the Green Party is capable of hard decisions, given their reluctant support of your ill-advised decision.

At what point, will leaders of our provinces and our country, have the courage - and the BALLS (or OVARIES) to stand up for their convictions. Netherland managed to make hard choices and stand by them regarding their coal plants. Maybe you and your party could look at countries that DO recognize we are in a crisis and that take action accordingly to help you realize there is no longer any time to play politics and power games.

There is only time to get serious about climate change and make the hard choices necessary to start the process of switching our dependence to alternate sources of power and different paradigms of co-existing on this planet with all the other human and non-human inhabitants.

You don't appear to have the necessary courage, Mr. Horgan. No offence, but you have let down your constituents, the people of BC and ultimately, everything and everyone in the world, by your lack of decisive action that is necessary in this time of climate change. Our window to affect change is small, and rapidly shrinking. Unfortunately, your choices as leader have merely hastened our coming crisis.

I am not saying you were faced with easy choices, Mr. Horgan. What I am saying, is that faced with difficult choices, you chose the easy route - one that would satisfy those with power (corporations and your funders) rather than those fighting against this imbalance - First Nations, environmentalists, people who CARE about our world and what we are doing to it. Business as usual is NO LONGER an option, Mr. Horgan. I am truly sorry you don't seem to realize this.

With sincere sadness

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From: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 9:34 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Extremely disappointed -Site C

-----Original Message-----

From s.22
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 7:12 PM
To: Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Extremely disappointed -Site C

Mr. Horgan

Your recent Site C turnaround is an extremely disappointing decision. Not only is it a disaster for the environment but proves you to be an untrustworthy leader. I am sure your decision had more to do with pressures from Hydro and corporate interests than any budgetary scruples. Any fool knows that the cost overruns will far over reach the \$4 billion spent to date. Cutting the project's losses would have been the financially responsible thing to do.

But being a typical politician and a weak man you rolled over for the Liberals and the business community.

Selling hydroelectricity to the States only perpetuates their unrepentant consumerism and ostrich-like avoidance of climate change consequences.

Jobs? I doubt it. They will be filled by contract workers from other countries just as when the Canada Line was built.

And almost all the jobs will be for men.

And how about the First Nations people that you have let down- "economic benefit" will be nothing compared to the devastation of their lands.

I voted NDP to get the Liberals out because their values were so shoddy, their actions so poorly thought-out and money-driven, and now you have espoused those values and carried out their actions. I thought an island resident would have some commitment to the environment, and the people of B.C.

s.22

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From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 9:33 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Olsen.MLA, Adam LASS:EX
Subject: lack of transparency and accountability for Site C decision

Dear Premier Horgan

I am forwarding the following letter from Dr. Steve Gray in reference to your decision to continue construction of the Site C dam, despite the recommendations of the BCUC.

I wholeheartedly endorse the views of Dr. Gray, and urge you to release to the public the analyses and other recommendations your government used to reach its decision.

Sincerely

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Dec 15, 2017

Dear Premier Horgan,

I write to you as Chair of the Peace Valley Solidarity Initiative ("PVSI"). On December 11, 2017, your Government announced it will be supporting the completion of the Site C dam and the flooding of the Peace River Valley, including the West Moberly First Nations territory, Prophet River First Nation territory and the homes of many others.

On November 1, 2017, the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("BCUC") submitted its Final Report to your Government's inquiry into Site C. This report concluded BC Hydro's forecast for future energy needs to be "excessively optimistic." It found that "increasingly viable alternative energy sources such as wind, geothermal and industrial curtailment could provide similar benefits to ratepayers as the Site C project." And it held the costs of termination and remediation to be approximately \$1.8 billion in addition to the costs of providing alternative sources of energy.

But while your Government has held the BCUC up to be an independent, impartial regulator and source of information for determining the future of Site C, your decision does not reflect their findings or conclusions. In contrast, despite a stated commitment to transparency, your Government's decision is based on information and advice to which no member of the public has access.

Indeed, in a blog post released on December 11, the Attorney General, David Eby, stated that after receiving BCUC's Final Report, your Government received "unambiguous advice" from financial experts that suggested concerns about BCUC's conclusions. Mr Eby goes on to state that your

Government was told that the accounting models used by BCUC for determining the costs of alternatives to Site C were “dramatically different,” and that abandoning Site C would actually cause hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers to incur an immediate \$3-4 billion public charge. Along these lines, members of your Government have, since Monday, expressed concerns about the sacrifices that would have needed to have been made in order to cover this public charge.

With respect, without access to the information and advice you received, and in the face of significant amounts of contrary information and data received by your Government during its inquiry into Site C, we do not accept the justification offered for continuing with construction of Site C.

As such, we request that your Government release to the public by January 5th, 2018 all information and advice it received that led to your December 11th announcement, including but not limited to:

- the financial advice and analyses you received in response to BCUC's Final Report;
- the accounting models used by your advisors to question BCUC's findings;
- your analyses of the consequences of these accounting models on taxpayers and ratepayers;
- the methods by which you incorporated the value of the Peace River Valley, First Nations territory, and homes that will be flooded into your decision and the above analyses; and
- any other analysis, opinions, advice or data considered in reaching the final decision to continue construction of the Site C dam.

The construction of Site C represents regressive decision-making at a time when climate change, food security, and reconciliation should be top of mind for all British Columbians and our government. As such, we see the release of this information as integral to the accountability you owe to our province and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Gray
Chair, Peace Valley Solidarity Initiative
Victoria, BC

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From:
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 8:45 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX
Subject: Still No to Site C!

Dear Mr. Horgan,

Like thousands of other of loyal NDP voters, I am still seething at your recent announcement that the BC NDP will proceed with Christy Clark's disastrous Dam(ned) project. This mess was created by Clark and her money-grabbing party, but should absolutely not be completed by yours. It is a fiasco on just about every single level, not the least of which is that, the party so many of us voted for and hoped would be better, will go out with the legacy of making one of the worst environmental, economic and social decisions in BC history. You know it, and your MLAs know it - Site C Dam is an enormous mistake that never should not have been started. We voted for change. We voted for an end to business as usual. We voted for a party that would show the courage to act ethically and responsibly. Instead, our hopes have been smashed as, barely into your first year, the NDP is putting on Liberal clothes and continuing down the same deleterious path as your predecessors.

Let's start with the environmental aspect of Site C Dam. At what point in the NDP mandate do we place economics over the environment? You say that cancelling the project would force the government to cut back on social programs and cause rate hikes in Hydro. While I appreciate your commitment to your promise to make life more affordable for everyone, there are many highly qualified people who have questioned your math here. Personally, I cannot see how investing \$16 billion - because when has a mega project *ever* come in within budget? - in an unnecessary dam will make life more affordable for me and my fellow British Columbians. This logic seems very counterintuitive. But, supposing you're on to something with your addition here, the longterm environmental havoc this project will wreak is not worth a damned penny. We have a commitment to future generations to preserve what's left of our planet, to be leaders in the environmental movement, to be able to take our last breath knowing we've left a safe space for our kids. I have complete faith in you and your wonderful MLAs to come up with some creative alternatives to completing Site C while still evening out the economic playing field. Remember, that's why we voted for you! If you're stuck for ideas, why not take that \$16 billion and invest it in alternative energy? That would certainly create a wealth of jobs and spread employment all across the province. As a bonus, our need for Hydro power would be greatly diminished and so would our bills. As for the 2,000 jobs lost building the dam, those same people can be gainfully employed cleaning up the mess already made.

"I am not the first person to stand before you and disappoint Indigenous people." Really? Did you really think this will make it all okay? Does this sound like Reconciliation to you? We have a responsibility to make every effort to stop our colonial behaviour and work respectfully with the First Nations. Flooding their territory for this loathsome project is just plain reprehensible. We voted for you because we thought you wouldn't just be the next guy in line to stand before us and disappoint Indigenous people. We thought you would have enough integrity to truly respect the First Nations and act accordingly. Offering them a fistful of cash and promising them that the bulldozers will leave their ancestors' bones untouched is just not good enough. It smacks of Weinstein buying off the silence of aspiring actresses to me!

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I was proud to be donating my time for a party that would be different from the money-centred Liberals. I was happy to be supporting your party when Carole explained to her constituents that, rather than throwing money into the disastrous Site C Dam, the BC NDP would invest in safe, sustainable energy as well as retrofitting buildings all across the province to reduce energy consumption and create long-term, province-wide employment (as opposed to the 2,000 temporary jobs at the dam site). Like others, I didn't know much about you and was a bit wary, but I believed Carole when she assured her constituents that she had the utmost faith in you to do the job. If Carole was

willing to stick her neck on the line to vouch for you, then I believed her when she promised that you were going to be a great premier. s.22

s.22 I am deeply saddened that the party that I had so much faith in, is proving to be no better than the previous government. Oh yes, the BC NDP have come through on many campaign promises in the few months you've been in office, but, sadly, that great gaping hole in the Peace River Valley will be what your voters remember at election time.

Mr. Horgan - I hope you read this and the many, many other letters you must be receiving. Your voters are not going to let this go. We don't have a lot of chances left to protect our environment. It's not too late for you to stand before the citizens of British Columbia, admit you've made a terrible mistake, and change your decision on Site C Dam. I bet it will feel a damned site better than disappointing the Indigenous people of BC.

Sincerely,

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From: s.22
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 8:17 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Bowinn.Ma@leg.bc.ca; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX
Subject: another reason to stop site C

Good morning, another reason why the decision to continue with site C is extremely flawed. We need another system to replace the political system if all we get from our elected officials is betrayal and lies.

Despite far worse findings from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency after its examination of the proposed Site C project, findings of irreversible harm to First Nations and findings of more unmitigatable environmental harm than any 6 other projects studied combined, our Provincial Government decided to go ahead with Site C. Something is missing in this decision.

"the Minister is of the opinion that: the Project is likely to result in significant adverse environmental effects and significant cumulative adverse environmental effects on Indigenous heritage and to the current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes by Stk'emlúpsenc te Secwépemc Nation; the Project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects on other components of the environment, taking into account the mitigation measures described in the Report; and the mitigation measures and follow-up program described in the Report are appropriate for the Project." Our Provincial Government has turned down AJAX.

From: Ken Boon <pvla=xplornet.com@mail251.atl221.rsgsv.net> on behalf of Ken Boon <pvla@xplornet.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: PVLA & PVEA ask BC Auditor General for Urgent Examination of Decision to Complete Site C Dam

December 14, 2017

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Delivered by Hand

December 14th, 2017

Auditor General Carol Bellringer, FCPA, FCA
Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia
623 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C.
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Dear Auditor General Carol Bellringer,

Re: Present and Future Financial Impact on BC Ratepayers and Taxpayers of Completion vs. Cancellation of Site C

We are writing you on behalf of the Peace Valley Landowner Association and the Peace Valley Environment Association to request that you initiate an urgent examination pursuant to Section 13 or other applicable provision of the *Auditor General Act* to answer the following questions:

- a. Is the attached December 11th, 2017 memorandum prepared by McCullough Research correct? (*Attached, below.*)
- b. Is it true that if the BC government abandoned the Site C project, British Columbia would have no alternative but to incur an immediate \$3-4 billion public charge on either BC Hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers? Please refer to the attached statement of Attorney General David Eby. (*Attached, below.*)
- c. What is the likely minimum cash impact on present and future BC Hydro ratepayers and BC taxpayers of completing Site C vs. cancelling Site C?
- d. What mitigation measures are available through policy, legislation or regulation to minimize the cashflow impact of cancellation of Site C on BC Hydro ratepayers or BC taxpayers?
- e. What viable options does the British Columbia government have to ameliorate the accounting (as opposed to cashflow) treatment of Site C cancellation costs?
- f. Is the best practice to exclude or include sunk costs when deciding whether or not to complete a project such as Site C?
- g. Should accounting treatment be the decisive factor when considering whether or not to complete a project such as Site C?
- h. Other questions you deem relevant to determining whether or not the BC government is acting in an effective, economic and efficient manner with respect to Site C.

This requested examination is in the public interest because the now \$10.7 billion Site C project is the largest capital infrastructure project in the history of BC and there is a fundamental difference of opinion on the potential financial impacts of moving forward with Site C vs. cancelling Site C.

These questions fit well within the overall terms of reference for your Site C dam review which we understand was placed on temporary hold pending the

outcome of the British Columbia Utilities Commission Site C Inquiry. The purpose of your review is summarized in the following way, "...explain to the legislature and the people of British Columbia the information and analysis provided to government, the progress and costs to date, and the potential impacts moving forward". In order to fully understand the potential financial impacts moving forward it is necessary to be able to compare those financial impacts to that of cancelling the project.

As an independent officer of the legislature, *all* British Columbians rely on your examinations and reports to be assured the British Columbia government is achieving its objectives effectively, economically and efficiently. At its core, the BC government is asserting that the only effective, economic, and efficient way to meet demand for electricity in the 2030's is to spend a further \$8.6 billion (assuming no further cost overruns) to complete Site C. And that effective government decision making requires that the accounting treatment of project costs is and should be the decisive factor.

Respectfully, we request that this matter be treated on an urgent basis. While this project is only 20 per cent complete, we understand that costs are incurred to the tune of \$60 million per month. Given the scope of the questions, the previous work completed by your office, and the inquiry recently completed by the British Columbia Utilities Commission, we are hopeful the interim results of your examination and responses to some, if not all, of the above questions will be publicly available in January 2018.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to your early response. Please contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

ROBERT H. BOTTERELL

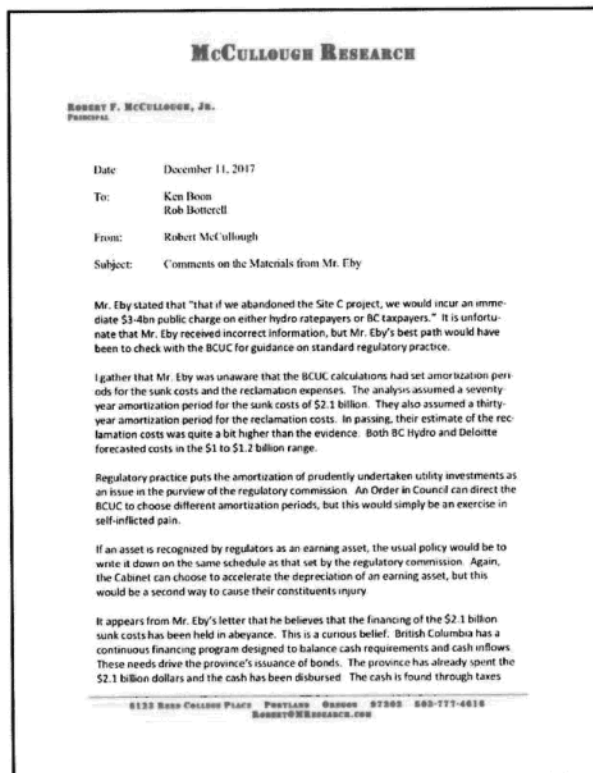
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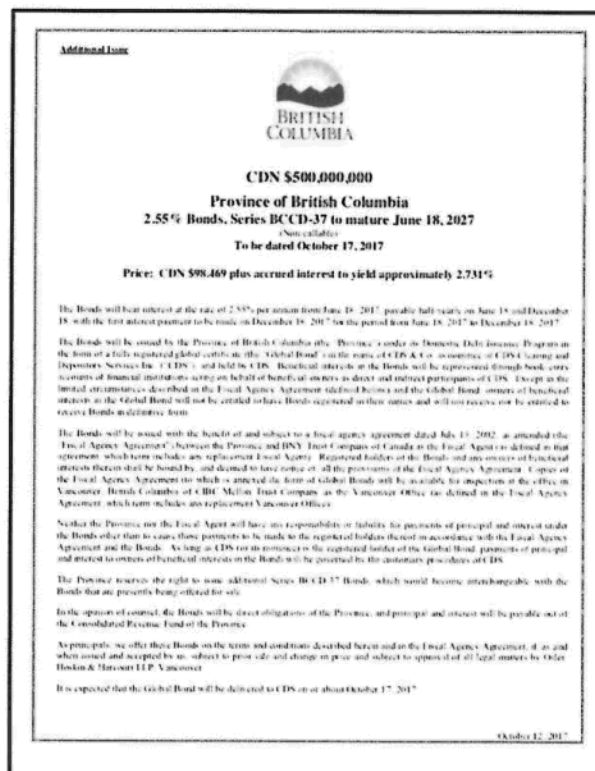
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David Eby:



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Subject: RE: Connecting

Date: Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 1:42:56 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Ken Boon

To: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX

Hi Mr. Wright

Thanks for your email.

In regards to how the decision to proceed with Site C will affect Arlene and I, it is devastating beyond what you likely can imagine.

The events of 2017 slowly progressed from a glimmer of hope before the election to great hope with the NDP forming government and the BCUC Review process. After many years of asking for a BCUC review, we were of course thrilled to see that happen. We put our faith, and everything we could into that process both personally and through the PVLA/PVEA involvement with Robert McCullough. Despite puzzling restrictions put on the review, we were thrilled to see the Final Report that finally laid out the facts and showed the project clearly not "past the point of no return". Based on all information from the BCUC, and of course the many other known negative impacts of the project, we were convinced the government would do the right thing and terminate the project.

Then signs of spin and push back from top influencers and government started to show. This of course, was followed by the devastating announcement where Horgan gave the green light, which was only made worse by the rationale given.

We cannot accept that decision. Judging from the flood of emails in my inbox, there are many others who feel the same, including many long time NDP supporters. I personally know many who are cutting their ties with the NDP over this one decision, and am sure you folks are feeling that backlash.

My advice to your government is to find a way to reverse this terrible decision as early as possible. I am sure there will continue to be no shortage of bad news reasons coming, and we will continue to help bring them to light.

However, back to the "affects" on the ground as this project currently moves forward. Landowners are about to be blitzed again from where things left off last spring with expropriations, highway realignment, and a myriad of other problems. All the uncertainty and stress of that will start over again. These are the problems that this government has now adopted as theirs, and on behalf of the landowners in the valley, I ask for a line of communication with assistance when we ask for it from government, and not the void of silence we are accustomed to.

It is now Christmas. Sometime in the New Year we should talk.

Regards, Ken

Peace Valley Landowner Assoc.

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From: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX [<mailto:Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 7:12 AM

To: pvla@xplornet.com

Subject: Connecting

Hi Mr Boon,

I am Premier Horgan's Deputy Minister. Geoff Meggs has asked me to reach out to you to talk about how the government's decision on Site C will

affect

you and your wife. He had suggested that you wanted some time after the announcement before hearing back from the government or Hydro, but I just wanted to let you know that I would be happy to talk to you at anytime you are ready. I can accommodate that before the New Year or after. So

please

let me know if and when you would like to talk to me.

Sincerely,

Don Wright