

Old Growth Technical Advisory Panel

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Please see the attached response and comment on the BC Government's announcement last week of an "independent" Old Growth Technical Advisory Panel.

Jeff Bromley

USW Wood Council Chair

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United Steelworkers Wood Council

Jeff Bromley
Council Chair

July 2, 2021

VIA EMAIL

Honourable Katrine Conroy
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources and Rural Development
P.O. Box 9049, STN Provincial Government
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

RE: Old Growth Technical Advisory Council

Dear Minister Conroy,

The United Steelworkers Wood Council representing 12,000 BC Forest Workers is extremely disappointed and troubled by the Provincial Government's announcement last week of an independent old growth technical advisory panel that in our view is anything but independent.

The USW views the panel as being made up of people with strong Sierra Club ties, who have a one-sided view of managing old growth forests. The USW Wood Council wants to make it clear that this panel as it is currently constructed is alarming to those who work in the forest industry, as we know it is for the industry itself. It appears to be another step down a road to confrontation instead of one that brings people together.

Government has committed that it will consult with stakeholders, yet it formed a biased panel with a singularity of view, that gives credibility and voice to views that do not align with many other stakeholders. To the best of our knowledge, there was no consultation with First Nations that we are aware of in appointing this panel and there was no consultation with labour or industry. This is a recipe for confrontation.

We are aware that is hard for any individual panel member to be truly independent as everyone brings their own beliefs, but to have such a one-sided panel be described as independent, when its members have only a preservationist view and goal for old growth forests. We would find it impossible to view any work by this panel as inclusive, unbiased and ultimately, we could not support recommendations from a panel constructed solely by of those that oppose our view for a healthy vibrant and sustainable forest industry.

The government has so many professionals internally and externally to choose from in order to create a truly balanced panel where parties may actually be able to break down barriers between different interpretations of the data, as noted by the Minister, but we believe these appointments fail to accomplish that goal. We also believe that these appointments actually contrast with government policy and law in terms of consultation, consent and inclusion of the impacted First Nations in BC. Almost assuredly, any determinations made by this advisory group will not align with any concept of free, informed and prior consent in the interest of reconciliation nor will it be in the best interest of protecting the thousands of jobs and the industry that provides them.

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The USW Wood Council is calling on the government to understand our concerns, reconsider its approach by reconstituting the panel so that it is diverse, equally representative of dominant views, and be more acceptable to all stakeholders.

Ultimately, if no changes are made, it's clear that recommendations from this panel will result in a fractured industry that stops investing, less opportunity for First Nations to reap the benefits of a more inclusive industry for their nations and their people and a much smaller forest industry with significantly less jobs for our members and the communities they now call home.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bromley
USW Wood Council Chair

JB/rg
uswlu2009

C: Hon. John Horgan, Premier
Hon. Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Innovation and Economic Recovery
Hon. Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance
Hon. Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
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FW: Meeting with Premier Horgan

From: Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>
To: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: August 11, 2021 4:26:21 PM PDT
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Hi Amber,

Please see below email thread meeting request for Premier from Al Bieksa of USW Local 2009.

On summary, Al Bieksa originally emailed Megan Dyleman, and it was referred to FLNRO, which Minister Conroy was delighted to meet with them. But Al, insisted to meet with Premier.

Please advice us action. Thank you. (would you need a print out?

Best regards,

Jenelyn



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From:

Newcombe, Samantha FLNR:EX <Samantha.Newcombe@gov.bc.ca>

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Cheers,

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To: Newcombe, Samantha FLNR:EX <Samantha.Newcombe@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: August 23, 2021 9:32:17 AM PDT
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Hi Sam, I ma just waiting confirmation from LBR, as some of the issues can be brought forward to their office, I would like to defer AI to them as well. Hoping to send our response today once I get LBR's response

Kind regards,

Jenelyn

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From: Newcombe, Samantha FLNR:EX <Samantha.Newcombe@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: August 16, 2021 2:13 PM

To: Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Premier Horgan

Hey Jenelyn,

I'm just following up on this.^{s.22}

!

Sam

From: Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: August 12, 2021 12:45 PM

To: Newcombe, Samantha FLNR:EX <Samantha.Newcombe@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Premier Horgan

I will figure out some technique in declining this request for PJH.^{s.13}

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Sent: August 12, 2021 12:43 PM

To: Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Premier Horgan

She's able to but it doesn't seem like they want to meet with her unless it's with PJH.

From: Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: August 12, 2021 12:39 PM

To: Newcombe, Samantha FLNR:EX <Samantha.Newcombe@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Premier Horgan

Hmm good question. You mentioned Min Conroy can meet them? Is she still wanting to ?

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From: Newcombe, Samantha FLNR:EX <Samantha.Newcombe@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: August 12, 2021 12:34 PM

To: Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Premier Horgan

Hi Jenelyn,

Will your office be responding directly? Any advice on how our office should respond?

Thanks!

Sam

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Sent: August 12, 2021 12:25 PM

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Hi Sam, we are declining this request for Premier to Meet with Al.

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To: Duncan, Kate LBR:EX <Kate.Duncan@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: August 23, 2021 9:32:35 AM PDT
Attachments: image001.jpg, image002.png

Oh perfect. Thank you!

Kind regards,

Jenelyn

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From: Duncan, Kate LBR:EX <Kate.Duncan@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: August 23, 2021 9:32 AM

To: Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Premier Horgan

Hi Jenelyn,

We do accept and I do believe we will be meeting with them. It is with Jasmeet to review with Minister Bains.

Thanks

Kate Duncan

Administrative Coordinator to the Honourable Harry Bains, Minister of Labour

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From: Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: August 23, 2021 9:31 AM

To: Duncan, Kate LBR:EX <Kate.Duncan@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Premier Horgan

Thank you Kate, PO would like to send regrets to this request and would like to encourage Al to bring forward some of his issues to Min. Bains. Please confirm you accept this referral and I will copy your office to our response to Al.

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From: Duncan, Kate LBR:EX <Kate.Duncan@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: August 17, 2021 8:47 AM

To: Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Zaed, Marina LBR:EX <Marina.Zaed@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Premier Horgan

Good Morning Jenelyn,

We have not received this email from Al Bieksha, but we have received a meeting invite from Mike Duhra from the same local. I had asked Josh to contact them to see exactly what they wanted to talk about as the meeting invite was quite vague. This was also the direction I received from Krystal. I will speak to Josh today and see if he had a chance to speak with them.

I will update you once I find out more.

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To: Duncan, Kate LBR:EX <Kate.Duncan@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Zaed, Marina LBR:EX <Marina.Zaed@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Meeting with Premier Horgan

Hi Kate,

Can please let me know if Al Bieksha had reach to LBR on the below issues? He is requesting a meeting with Premier, but we are going to recommend he bring forward his issues to FLNRO and for the other issues to LBR.

If your office hasn't receive this yet, can you confirm if Minister Bains can meet with them. So then I can reference that to my response to Al.

Let me know if you have questions.

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Hi Jenelyn,

Thank you for your response and your encouragement that I pursue meetings with Ministers. This is most unfortunately unacceptable.

I have requested a meeting with the Premier so that I can bring his personal response and messages back to my membership. I need this to convince them to continue to support the NDP party. My members are disenchanted with the government, feel betrayed by some recent decisions and do not understand why there has been no action on the issues that are most important to them. Many of these members are the same people that donated, volunteered and worked tirelessly on behalf of many candidates, took signs, talked to their friends and neighbours to convince all to support the NDP government. They helped the party accomplish a majority government and now they want some answers, and they want the answers to come from their Premier. I am their elected leader and they expect me to be able to meet with the leader of the government that they worked so hard to elect. Between Local 1-1937 and our Local 2009 we have 10,000 members, and if we include their immediate family, they represent 20,000 to 30,000 potential votes. If I can't arrange a meeting with the Premier I will have failed them. They will lose faith in my leadership and my political direction. I doubt I will be able to offer any support come the next provincial election. In the absence of myself having a meeting with the Premier I can only suggest that each of my members contact the Premier individually and ask for a meeting to voice their concerns.

Please advise me for the reasons that I am being denied a meeting with the Premier so that I can report back to my membership.

Best Regards

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Subject: FW: Meeting with Premier Horgan

Good Day Al,

Thank you for your email requesting to meet with Premier John Horgan on issues you indicated below. We encourage you to bring forward your issues to Minister Conroy and Minister Bains. I can confirm both ministers are available to meet with you and your team. I have copied coordinators to both offices so they can confirmed timing that will work for all.

Hope this email finds you helpful and have a great day!

Best regards,

Jenelyn



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Subject: Meeting with Premier Horgan

Hi Megan,

As President of USW Local 2009 I am my formally requesting a meeting with Premiere Horgan. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the recent appointment of the Old Growth Technical Panel as well as a number of other issues that concern the members of out Local including but not limited to;

- Repatriation of healthcare workers
- Paid sick leave
- Card check certification

I intend to bring with me the following people:

1. Mike Duhra-Treasurer of USW Local 2009
2. Brian Butler – President of USW 1-1937
3. Jeff Bromley -National USW Wood Council Chair

I thank you in advance for any assistance you can offer in facilitating my requested meeting.

In Solidarity,

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Open Letter to British Columbians - Old Growth and a path forward

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Dear Premier and Ministers,

Earlier today, the USW, along with over 275 other forestry and labour leaders issued an [open letter](#) to British Columbians calling for a path forward on old growth that supports healthy forests, good jobs and strong communities.

Please see [news release](#) here.

I hope you will take some time to review the letter given the significant implications any decisions that are made on old growth may have on workers and communities.

Sincerely,

JB

Jeff Bromley

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“Every worker should have a free and fair choice to join a union. The law guarantees that choice. And it’s your right, not that of an employer, it’s your right.” – U.S. President Joe Biden 2021