

## FW: Final version - CGL Statement

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**Sent:** February 17, 2022 at 3:45:03 PM Pacific Standard Time  
This was sent out earlier but was not distributed to all who will be on the call tomorrow, so forwarding to you now.

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**Sent:** February 17, 2022 3:40 PM  
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Hi Yvette,

As discussed.

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Working with RCMP to connect with CGL. <sup>s.13</sup>

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Please see below thanks, db

Deborah Bowman  
Assistant Deputy Minister

**From:** Tom Syer <tom\_syer@tcenergy.com>  
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Deb,

Final version of what will be posted below. We will push to media list. Pictures will be linked. We understand RCMP statement is coming shortly.

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***Workers shaken after violent attack at Morice River drill site***

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## FW: Statement from MMF

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From: Maartman, William PSSG:EX <William.Maartman@gov.bc.ca>  
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**Subject:** Statement from MMF

Hi all,

This has been reviewed and approved by Geoff, MMF and PJH to go out as a statement from Minister Farnworth:

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**George Smith** (he/him)  
**Communications Director**  
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Sent: February 17, 2022 at 4:47:59 PM Pacific Standard Time  
Thanks George. All signed off from our side.

Off to the editors!

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**Subject:** Re: Statement from MMF

Hi George: Is this to go out proactive or reactive?

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## RE: updated statement

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**To:** McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX <Caroline.McAndrews@gov.bc.ca>, Godfrey, Samuel PSSG:EX <Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** February 17, 2022 at 5:26:02 PM Pacific Standard Time  
Great – thanks Caroline!

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**From:** McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX <Caroline.McAndrews@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** February 17, 2022 5:25 PM  
**To:** Maartman, William PSSG:EX <William.Maartman@gov.bc.ca>; Godfrey, Samuel PSSG:EX <Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>  
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A few fixes,<sup>s.13</sup> NR makes sense so I'm going to get this to the Editors.

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**Subject:** updated statement

Updated location to match CGL release and fixed the name of the company in the lede.  
Ok by you?

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It's with editors right now.

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When will this be going out?

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This is now approved by MMF. Good to move along.

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Here it is ready to go, on MMF signoff.

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Edited below. PJH approved. Please have MMF review.

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The BC Government emphatically condemns the violence and destruction perpetrated along the <sup>s.13</sup> Road.

The RCMP is conducting a full investigation into this egregious criminal activity, that could have led to serious injury or loss of life.

The police report indicates that the workers' camp was attacked in the middle of the night by unknown assailants wielding axes.

There is no excuse for such violence and intimidation. All workers deserve to be protected from harassment and harm.

This destructive attack should be condemned by all in British Columbia.  
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Please hold – MMF has an addition.

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## UPDATED - CGL Statement

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Sent: February 17, 2022 at 6:54:06 PM Pacific Standard Time  
Good evening,

I was asked to distribute this updated statement.

Link here as well as text. GCPE informed.

<https://www.lngcanada.ca/news/lng-canada-statement-on-incident-at-coastal-gaslink-worksite/>

### **LNG Canada statement on incident at Coastal Gaslink worksite**

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## Re: Media Request: Response

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Response still stands for now

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**To:** Paterson, Travis GCPE:EX <Travis.Paterson@gov.bc.ca>  
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**Subject:** Re: Media Request: Response

I'm good with the statement from yesterday being the response. But I leave to the MO in case there are any changes to our response at this time.

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Michael Olson  
Issues Manager  
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On Feb 18, 2022, at 8:35 AM, Paterson, Travis GCPE:EX <Travis.Paterson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Hi there,

Will send last night's response unless anything has changed?

Please advise

Thanks  
Travis

**Reporter**

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**Deadline** ASAP

**Request**

Seeking response from the appropriate ministry or office of the premier on this as soon as possible.

## **Recommendation**

- Share Thursday night MMF statement on CGL

## **Background**

From: BC Liberal Caucus Communications

Date: Fri, 18 Feb 2022 at 07:03

Subject: Horgan needs to take action against armed protestors

To: Meera Bains

With armed protestors threatening lives and causing millions in damage in northern British Columbia, John Horgan and the BC NDP need to show leadership and put an end to the violent situation.

Horgan needs to take action against armed protestors

VICTORIA (February 18, 2022) – With armed protestors threatening lives and causing millions in damage in northern British Columbia, John Horgan and the BC NDP need to show leadership and put an end to the violent situation.

“This is the latest in a pattern of lawlessness that has no place in our province and the NDP seem frozen and unwilling to do what needs to be done,” said BC Liberal leader Kevin Falcon. “These armed thugs have threatened the lives and livelihoods of people who are simply doing their jobs and trying to earn a living. The time for talking has passed. John Horgan needs to act decisively and put a stop to this lawlessness.”

The protests against the government-approved Coastal GasLink (CGL) have escalated in seriousness in part due to the negligence and, in some cases, tacit support of the NDP. In January 2019, then cabinet minister Doug Donaldson visited protestors at the illegal CGL blockade in Houston and provided them with a box of supplies, and in December 2021, current NDP Minister Nathan Cullen wrote to officials in Ottawa complaining about the efforts by the RCMP to maintain the peace.

The project has the support of elected First Nations along the entire Highway 16 corridor and yet the NDP has sided, largely, with the unelected Wet'suwet'en chiefs and the protestors.

“John Horgan has made the situation worse,” added Skeena MLA Ellis Ross, former Chief of the Haisla Nation. “He’s marginalized the elected council and picked sides by only working with unelected Wet'suwet'en chiefs. This has emboldened protestors who know it doesn’t matter what that they do, as all they will get is more meaningless talk from the government.”

Similar protests at Fairy Creek — which a judge described as highly organized by professional protestors — and the blocking of major infrastructure in the Lower Mainland have become a regular occurrence.

“People have the right to peacefully protest, that’s a fundamental right,” added Falcon. “But the rule of law is also a fundamental part of our democracy. British Columbians expect the law to apply to everyone equally and this premier has to stop his kid glove treatment of the radical few. Action, not words, are needed.”

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