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Pacific NorthWest LNG Project
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Prime Minister Trudeau & Cabinet Ministers
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Parliament Buildings
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Re: Pacific Northwest LNG Project CEAA invitation for public comment

Dear Sir or Madam

Pursuant to the CEAA request for public comment re the preliminary report for the project mentioned above dated Feb. 10 with a deadline of Mar. 11, 2016, I wish to make the following submission.

I am respectfully participating in this process both as a Canadian citizen greatly concerned for the economic future of our nation and its people, and as a former Member of Parliament who had the privilege of representing the people of northeastern British Columbia for seventeen years (1993 to 2010). I am also basing my perspective on my experiences prior to becoming an MP, when I was employed for many years in the agriculture, oil and gas, and forestry industries in NE BC.

I submit that at a time when our nation's economy is reeling from multiple challenges, both externally and internally generated, the potential creation of a completely new industry with its accompanying multi-billion dollar investments provides the one true ray of hope on the horizon, not only for British Columbia and the west, but indeed for all of Canada.

In addition to emphatically stating my strong support for the development of a Canadian LNG export industry, I would like to specifically address the two issues the CEAA report highlights in its conclusion.

I support the
eloquent analysis and
conclusions of this letter.
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March 1, 2016

Namely; *“The Agency concludes that the Pacific NorthWest LNG Project is likely to cause significant adverse effects to harbour porpoise and as a result of greenhouse gas emissions...”*

Firstly, on the issue of the harbour porpoise, I believe that the potential adverse effects are related to increased noise in the harbour during construction. Surely the noise mitigation measures outlined in the letter from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to CEAA, plus possible additional steps undertaken by the proponent during construction, can provide the protection necessary for the porpoise. Moreover, I believe that like all wildlife, the porpoise have proven themselves to be amazingly resilient and that in all likelihood they would simply relocate from that part of the harbour during construction and return once the project has been completed.

Secondly, greenhouse gas emissions. I submit that it would be irresponsible to consider not approving this project on the basis of any increase in GHG emissions it may create. I further submit that of those countries blessed with an abundance of oil & gas reserves, Canada is one of the most responsible when it comes to developing those resources in an environmentally sensitive and sustainable manner. While we must continue to do all we can in that regard, *we should not, and must not, view GHG emissions in isolation from the remainder of the planet.* If ever there has been a truly global issue requiring a global solution, surely climate change is it.

Any increases in GHG emissions caused by this project, both upstream and down, will be more than offset by the reduction in GHGs in Asian countries that switch from coal fired electrical generation to natural gas fueled.

In conclusion then, please accept this letter as my unequivocal support for the Pacific NorthWest LNG Project as proposed by Petronas and their partners. We must not allow further delay to impede our progress towards creating a Liquefied Natural Gas export industry for Canada!

Yours truly,

(original signed)

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