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Subject: Comments to consider in developing Independent Expert Panel to review Canada's Environmental Assessment Process

My comments, for consideration regarding the independent Expert Panel to review Canada's Environmental Assessment Process, in brief:

Review WCEL's thorough recommendations, along with others and implement a full draft report (available for public review).

Re-work the definition of Environmental Assessment to clearly define the Why's, the goals and purpose of EA in protecting Canadians environment, health and safety in the context of our essential clean air, lands, oceans and fresh water systems - and "health" keeping the essentials unharmed by industry or development proposals.

Consider the EA impact - how it will be used to ensure Canada meets commitments under the Paris Agreement.

The Panel must show comments and questions are considered, with no exclusions, open and transparent and provide concerned public with a review of the draft report and recommendations.

Allow a full and thorough comment Q&A on the Panel from leading independent Environmental Scientists (not working for Oil/Gas/Mining/Farming or industries that are proposing a project); include those concerned with the environment - the public, first nations people, health aspects - where no subject is off limits or dismissed or excluded (as was the case with the past NEB rules). It must be seriously considered whether the NEB should be at the helm of a Panel ensuring a proper democratic Environmental Assessment process. A combination of Environmental Law experts, independent scientists, First Nations experts should rather be at the helm of an organizational process on Environmental Assessments which affect the public air/lands/waters and health. (Industry leaders are the groups who 'apply for a EA review on a proposed project' - and should not be the decision makers in a process, suggesting rules, etc. or a conflict of interest will always be seen - as we have in the past). The NEB is a separate organization based on energy interests - not on environmental concerns of the public, experts and First Nations - as we have seen, so much which was pertinent, was shamefully disallowed. The Panel must provide the answers to questions in an open transparent way, available to the public.

The Panel must consider the impact of development impacts to the Environment, community and eco systems, the impacts of use of toxic chemicals and pesticides in our environment (Glyphosate, Atrizine, toxic diluents and bitumen, aluminum, strontium, barium, toxic bunker fuels allowed for use by ships in populated harbors when they have been outlawed by the U.S. EPA in the 2012 decision (English Bay spill of toxic bunker fuel), toxic and ineffective corexit for

attempting to clean up oil spills which can cause further damage to marine eco-systems) - see Andrew Nikiforuk's column in the Tyee - and finally industry toxic 'tailings' ponds affecting our lands, groundwater, and fracking effects. All of these issues are what an Environmental Assessment process must include - if a healthy Environment is the Agency's #1 concern as it should be - ensuring Canadians have a reliable, believable process in place by including leading and long-standing Environmental organizations who make it their daily work to study, recommend and bring forth potential serious effects to the ecosystems we rely on for our livlihood, health and economy. They with their wisdom, along with First Nations groups and interested Canadians should make the recommendations for Govt panels to take into account, for the public health and safety, and marine, land, air & freshwaters we rely on - and which are constantly being eroded by either self-industry regulation (ineffective), or omnibus bills which erode our environmental integrity, removing former safeguards, changing species at risk, on a whim, and pandering to industry, over the main purpose of protecting our precious environment and livelihoods.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The Liberal Party of Canada has to get this Panel right, including many knowledgeable organizations and people if we are serious about Climate change; our health and our precious ecosystems and marine systems and keep them that way with innovative new solutions and technology available. Again, there are many Environmental Organizations who have the knowledge to lead and recommend progressive change and considerations, in much further detail than I can here. It is clear that strict regulation and enforcement works, along with a clear statement that the full cost of 'any environmental damage or effects' must be borne by the proponents of proposed project - outlined from the beginning of application, ongoing monitoring, with no cost of any cleanup or remediation being borne by taxpayers.

All the best for an effective, open and transparent EA process Panel.

Kind regards,
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