

I support a total ban on fracking in Newfoundland and Labrador. There are too many risk factors involved.

The first are the climate impacts: CO2 and methane are absolutely damaging to our environment. Air emissions are a great concern as well as seismicity (as we've seen in Oklahoma). Transport of this volatile product has proven dangerous.

Second reason is that unsustainable amounts of water are needed for fracking. We're living in a world now where water is a limited resource and thus it must be protected at all costs. Fracking uses hazardous chemicals that ruin the purity of water and quite honestly there's no proven safe method of disposal for these wastes.

Thirdly, it's low-income communities that are often targeted and they are the least equipped to protect their rights. And the jobs that are promised to them rarely come to fruition.

I have supported groups in the West for their efforts against fracking, I'm supporting the anti fracking movement in Ontario and now I'm supporting Newfoundland and Labrador from this toxic industry. I support all Canadian's rights to a clean and healthy environment and I know that we can bring more green industry into the fold. It's a matter of will and I'm not going to take this sitting down anymore. More and more of us are realizing what fracking is really about, more of us realize what the oil industry is doing to our air, water and soils, to our health and the planet's health. It's time to stop this madness! Please, we must get on with transitioning to safer, greener energy now!

Sincerely,

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