

Newfoundland and Labrador - Frack Free

Dear Officials for Newfoundland/Labrador,

Thank you for offering me the opportunity to respond in your review for hydraulic fracturing on the West Coast of Newfoundland. I live in BC, the other side of Canada, and send this submission because I feel very concerned about how my country currently deals with fossil fuels issues. These actions affect all of Canada as air and climate know no boundaries.

I hereby submit a sample from articles I have collected on this topic:

http://www.theecologist.org/News/news_analysis/1784382/livestock_falling_ill_in_fracking_regions_raising_concerns_about_food.html

<http://theyee.ca/News/2014/01/31/Shale-Gas-Earthquakes/>

<http://theyee.ca/News/2014/02/04/Natural-Gas-Mining-Birth-Defects/>

<http://theyee.ca/Blogs/TheHook/2014/02/06/Fracking-Water-Stress/>

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/go-slow-on-fracking-scientists-warn/article18355999/>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/fracking-and-earthquakes-exploring-the-connection-1.3030910>

The information comes from a variety of sources but the message is clear - FRACKING IS NOT GOOD FOR OUR HEALTH (human, animal or environment).

And what happens after the shale gas has been produced? Waste water contains hazardous chemicals and there is no proven safe method of disposal for it. What about the increased volatility of shale gas during transport and the danger that proposes? How many Lac Megantic do we need before officials turn off the fracking button?

We need industries that offer Canadians sustainable futures. That is NOT fracking and LNG. Instead, we need money spent for renewable resources development.

Major investors are choosing to move their money from fossil fuels:

<http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change/rockefellers-go-green-rockefeller-foundation-divests-funds-in-fossil-fuel-industries-9749767.html>

<http://www.vancouverobserver.com/news/catherine-donnely-foundation-divest-fossil-fuels-its-investment-portfolio>

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/apr/01/guardian-media-group-to-divest-its-800m-fund-from-fossil-fuels>

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/keep-it-in-the-ground-blog/2015/may/01/church-of-england-latest-to-join-growing-divestment-movement?CMP=ema-60>

There is currently a moratorium on fracking for all of Newfoundland/Labrador. I cheered when I heard that announcement in 2013. I ask you to keep it that way and say NO to the current proposal before you - for the sake of your citizens and all Canadians.

With Hope for Real Change,

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