

Dear Minister Aglukkaq,
(cc'd to area elected representatives)

I am writing on behalf of Georgia Strait Alliance to request that you reject the Government of BC's request to substitute the BC environmental assessment process for the CEAA 2012 process with respect to the WesPac Tilbury Marine Jetty Project, and conduct a full federal assessment of this project.

Georgia Strait Alliance (GSA) is a registered charity established in 1990, with 7000 members and supporters. GSA is the only organization focused on protecting and restoring the marine environment and promoting the sustainability of the Georgia Strait, its adjoining waters and communities.

We believe that BC's request for substitution is neither appropriate nor in the public interest. We request a federal environmental assessment, carried out by a review panel with full opportunities for public involvement.

The assessment should include the terminal as well as the transit of LNG tankers from the terminal to Canada's territorial sea limit.

Additionally, the assessment should consider:

an evaluation of terminal location according to internationally recognized SIGTTO siting standards or their equivalent;

a Waterway Suitability Assessment equivalent to that required by the US Department of Homeland Security and US Coast Guard, including a 3.5 km hazard zone on both sides of the entire LNG tanker route;

an explicit assessment of risks posed by intentional acts (i.e. terrorism) as required in the United States; and

an assessment of project impacts on the climate, including extraction, compression and transport of the natural gas.

Thank you for considering our request, and we look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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