

## Support the Tsleil-Waututh Nation's efforts to Protect the Inlet

### *by writing a letter to John Horgan and your MLA*

The Federal Court of Appeal ruling overturning the Trans Mountain approval required the federal government to start a new review process. **The same ruling means BC can order its own environmental assessment** because the province relied on the federal review, which has now been quashed.

All Horgan needs to do is take three simple steps:

1. Withdraw from the equivalency agreement, which allowed the federal government's assessment to replace BC's own assessment.
2. Join the Squamish Nation's legal challenge of the BC Environmental Assessment Certificate to cancel the provincial permits for the project.
3. Launch a BC Environmental Assessment under the province's new rules.

#### **Points to consider:**

- Your government was elected on a promise to use every tool in the toolbox to stop the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion. While your proposed regulations around diluted bitumen are before the courts, there is more your government can do to honour its commitment.
- This summer's federal court of appeals ruling opens up space for you to cancel the project's provincial permits and launch a new environmental assessment process under the new rules your government has introduced.
- First, you need to cancel the equivalency agreement with the National Energy Board that allows the federal government to substitute its own review for British Columbia's. A court has ruled the process was not thorough enough and the new 22-week review of marine impacts has been widely criticized as well.
- Next, your government should join the Squamish Nation in its appeal of the province's certificate now that the consultation the former government relied upon has been proven inadequate.

- Finally, we need British Columbia to do its own environmental assessment under the rules your government just introduced. It's clear the National Energy Board is still not taking its obligations seriously and only a BC review can properly assess this pipeline.
- You have all the justification you need to follow through on a promise you campaigned on to stop the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion. Please let me know what your government plans to do to ensure our coast is not put at risk of a catastrophic oil spill.

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