July 29, 2019
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Vancouver, B. C.

RE: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR KITIMAT LNG PLANT EXPANSION

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing on behalf of B.C. Nature. We understand that your agency is seeking comments by July 31, 2019 whether or not the LNG plant expansion proposed for Kitimat requires an environmental assessment.

Much more information about global warming has come to light since the federal panel review in 2006 of this project and of the provincial environmental assessment carried out in 2016. We are in fact, in what is being termed a climate crisis. In view of the potential increased emissions that this facility would create and their impact upon the B.C. government's need to reduce its emissions drastically, and upon the cumulative impact upon global warming, we believe that a comprehensive federal environmental review is necessary.

We also believe that a provincial review would be a potential conflict of interest. More detailed reasons for a current assessment are provided in the attached letter of March 4, 2019 sent by the President of BC Nature to Premier John Horgan. More than ever, those reasons still stand.

We are pleased that CEAA is asking for comments from the public and other interested parties on this project.

Yours truly

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