



AN OPEN LETTER TO CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU FROM 230+ GROUPS IN 44 COUNTRIES

CLIMATE LEADERSHIP REQUIRES A MANAGED DECLINE OF FOSSIL FUEL PRODUCTION, NOT BUILDING NEW TAR SANDS PIPELINES

Dear Prime Minister Justin Trudeau,

Canada has been a vocal champion of the Paris Agreement and ambitious climate action, and under your leadership, Canada has finally signed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

However, your unwavering support for the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline expansion runs counter to both of these commitments and undermines Canada's role as a global leader.

Climate leadership is being redefined. **Climate leaders cannot expand or finance major fossil fuel expansion, and climate leaders must begin to plan for a managed phase-out and just transition away from all fossil fuel production.** Instead, planned Canadian oil production would use up 16% of the world's carbon budget to keep temperatures below 1.5 degrees, or 7% of the budget for 2 degrees. Canada has less than 0.5% of the world's population.

Major pipelines like Trans Mountain that facilitate oil and gas expansion are not aligned with the Paris goals and risk locking in infrastructure for decades beyond what the carbon budget allows. Financing them with public money, as your government has suggested, is particularly offensive in the face of the global climate crisis.

The duty to consult and free prior and informed consent must be the hallmarks of any development on traditional Indigenous territories, and – as is too often the case in fossil fuel projects around the world – these duties have not been fulfilled in the case of this pipeline.

As global organizations deeply concerned about the climate, communities, workers, and Indigenous Rights, we stand in solidarity with those who oppose the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline. We also support communities along the proposed pipeline and tanker routes who are standing up to protect the land, the coast, and the ocean from the risks of spills and other damage.

Canada, one of the wealthiest nations in the world, should be leading the way in a managed decline and just transition away from oil, gas, and coal production, not digging in its heels to fight for the survival of dirty energy that the climate cannot afford. Carbon-dependent economies face rapidly growing risks and refusing to see the writing on the wall sets countries like Canada up for abrupt and disruptive economic upheaval. This can be avoided by heeding the warnings and signals from everyone from the World Bank to the 140 leading economists who signed the Not a Penny More Declaration: The time for investment in new fossil fuel infrastructure is over.

We urge you to reconsider your support for this project, and instead work to make Canada the climate leader that it should be.

Sincerely,

Abibiman Foundation - Ghana
Academics Stand Against Poverty - International
Action Paysanne contre la Faim - Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Advocates for the Environment - United States
African Climate Reality Project - South Africa

Alliance for Democracy - United States
Alliance for Future Generations - Fiji
Alternative Youth Network - Tunisia
Amazon Watch - United States
Amis de la Terre (Friends of the Earth France) - France

Another Gulf Is Possible - United States
Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development -
Asia
Asociación de Cultura Popular Alborada - Spain
Association Nigérienne des Scouts de l'Environnement
- Niger
ATO - ClimatEducate Project - Nigeria

B&G Pyrolysis - Switzerland
BankTrack - The Netherlands
Beyond Copenhagen Collective - India
Beyond Extreme Energy - United States
Bharat Jan Vigyan Jatha - India

Big Bend Defense Coalition - United States
Bold Alliance - United States
Both ENDS - The Netherlands
Centar za Životnu Sredinu (Friends of the Earth Bosnia
& Herzegovina) - Bosnia & Herzegovina
Center for Biological Diversity - United States

Center for Embodied Living - United States
Center for International Environmental Law - United
States
Center for a Sustainable Coast - United States
Centre for Environmental Rights - South Africa
Chesapeake Climate Action Network - United States

Chile Sustentable Foundation - Chile
Christian Aid - International
Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada - Canada
Citizens United for a Sustainable Planet - Canada
Climate Action Rhode Island / 350 RI - United States

Climate Action Sweden - Sweden
Climate Alliance Switzerland - Switzerland
Climate Change Network Nigeria - Nigeria
Climate Hawks Vote - United States
Climate Justice Saskatoon - Canada

The Climate Mobilization, San Francisco Bay Area
Chapter - United States
The Climate Reality Project - United States
Climate Solutions - United States
Climate Strike Network - Mexico
Climáximo - Portugal

CoalSwarm - United States
Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network - United
States
Concerned Citizens Ohio - United States
Conseil Regional des Organisations Non
Gouvernementales de Developpement - Democratic
Republic of the Congo
Corporate Europe Observatory - Belgium

Council of Canadians - Canada
Council of Canadians, Ottawa Chapter - Canada
Crushing Colonialism - United States
Daccude - Italy
Divest AP Funds Stockholm - Sweden

Domaine de Domestication Agricole Integral pour le
Developpement - Democratic Republic of the Congo
DutchHive BVBA - Belgium
Earth Ethics - United States
EcoEquity - United States
Ecologistas en Acción - Spain

EKOenergy - Finland / International
Environics Trust - India
Empowered African Youths Foundation - Nigeria
Enovatelab - Nigeria
Family Christian Fellowship - Philippines

Fís Nua - Ireland
Food & Water Watch - United States
Fossil Free Berlin - Germany
Fossil Free California - United States
Fossil Free Sweden - Sweden

Fossil-Free.ch - Switzerland
Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice - United States
Frack Free Exmoor Quantocks and Sedgemoor - United
Kingdom
Frack Free Freck - United Kingdom
Frack Free Somerset - United Kingdom

Frack Free Yeovil - United Kingdom
FreshWater Accountability Project - United States
Freshwater Action Network Mexico - Mexico
Friends of the Earth Canada - Canada
Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern
Ireland - United Kingdom

Friends of the Earth Europe - Europe
Friends of the Earth Ghana - Ghana
Friends of the Earth International - International
Friends of the Earth Malta - Malta
Friends of the Earth U.S. - United States

Friends For Environmental Justice - United States
Fundacion Madariaga - Argentina
Future instead of Coal - Switzerland
The Gaia Foundation - United Kingdom
George Mason University Center for Climate Change
Communication - United States

Good Neighbor Steering Committee - United States
 Graines du Futur - Senegal
 Graphics 360 - United States
 Green Newton - United States
 Greenpeace

 Greenpeace Andino - Colombia / Argentina / Chile
 Greenpeace Canada - Canada
 Greenpeace Switzerland - Switzerland
 Greenpeace UK - United Kingdom
 Greenpeace USA - United States

 Grinnell Student Resistance - United States
 groundWork (Friends of the Earth South Africa) - South Africa
 Grupo de Decrecimiento Hasta Aquí Hemos Llegado - Spain
 Hip Hop Caucus - United States
 IBON International - Philippines

 Idle No More SF Bay - United States
 Idlers Rest Landowners - United States
 Impact Projects - Belgium
 Incomindios - Switzerland
 Indigenous Environmental Network - United States / Canada

 Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities - Philippines
 Institute for Policy Studies - Climate Justice Program - United States
 Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County - United States
 Interspiritual Sustainability Society - Canada
 Inyanda Land Rights Movement - South Africa

 Jeunes Travailleurs pour la Protection de l'Enfant et l'Environnement - Democratic Republic of the Congo
 Junxion Strategy - Canada
 Keep Ireland Fracking Free - Ireland
 Keep Kirdford and Wisborough Green - United Kingdom
 The Keepers of the Water - Canada

 Keeton Corporation - United States
 Labour Health and Human Rights Development Centre - Nigeria
 Maan Ystävät Ry (Friends of the Earth Finland) - Finland
 Madden Sainsbury Foundation - Australia
 Malaysian Youth Delegation - Malaysia

 Marcellus Outreach Butler - United States
 Martella Art & Stories - United States
 Michael H. Drucker Consulting - United States
 Milieudefensie (Friends of the Earth Netherlands) - The Netherlands
 Mosquito Fleet - United States

 Montana Environmental Information Center - United States
 Mount Diablo Peace and Justice Center - United States
 Mountain Lakes Preservation Alliance - United States
 Movimiento Ciudadano frente al Cambio Climático - Peru
 National Environmental Protection Agency of Afghanistan - Afghanistan

 Natur og Ungdom (Young Friends of the Earth Norway) - Norway
 Natural Resources Defense Council - United States
 Naturvernforbundet (Friends of the Earth Norway) - Norway
 NO TAP - Italy
 North American Climate, Conservation and Environment - United States

 Observatori del Deute en la Globalització - International
 Observatorio Petrolero Sur - Argentina
 Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition - United States
 Oil Change International - International
 Oilwatch Latinoamérica - Latin America

 Olympic Climate Action - United States
 Onward Oregon - United States
 Oregon Environmental Council - United States
 The Other 98% - United States
 Our Horizon - Canada

 PachaVersidad - Peru / Brazil
 People Not Pipelines - United States
 People's Dialogue - Brazil / South Africa
 People's Health Movement USA - United States
 People's Solidarity Forum - Pakistan

 Physicians for Social Responsibility - United States
 Physicians for Social Responsibility, Pennsylvania Chapter - United States
 Planet Pashion - United Kingdom
 Plataforma Algarve Livre de Petróleo - Portugal
 Plataforma Ciudadana Zaragoza sin Fractura - Spain

 Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation - United Kingdom
 Power Shift Network - United States
 Present & Perfect - Romania
 Pro Natura (Friends of the Earth Switzerland) - Switzerland
 Protect Orange County - United States

 Rainforest Action Network - United States
 The Renewables - New Zealand
 Réseau des Association de Khnefiss - Morocco
 Réseau des Jeunes Sahéliens pour le Climat - Burkina Faso
 Roaring Forge - United States

 Rochester People's Climate Coalition - United States
 Rogue Climate - United States
 Rural Women's Assembly - South Africa
 Santa Cruz Climate Action Network - United States
 Save Our Illinois Land - United States

 SeaLegacy - Canada
 Seeding Sovereignty - United States
 Selfie Mbalite - Mauritania
 Sierra Club - United States
 Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter - United States

 SoCal 350 Climate Action - United States
 Society for Threatened Peoples - Switzerland
 South Vihar Welfare Society for Tribal - India
 Southern Oregon Climate Action Now - United States
 SumOfUs.org - International

Sunflower Alliance – United States
The Sunrise Project – Australia
The Sustainable Scale Project – Canada
SustainUS – United States
Swindon Climate Action Network – United Kingdom

Talk Science to Me Communications – Canada
Tanker Free BC – Canada
Tar Sands Action Southern California – United States
Transition Nykoping – Sweden
Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs – Canada

University of Wisconsin-Madison Sierra Student
Coalition – United States
Upper Valley Affinity Group – United States
urgewald – Germany
UK Youth Climate Coalition – United Kingdom
Waterberg Women Advocacy Organization – South
Africa

WEvolve Global – Canada
White Rabbit Grove RDNA – United States
Wilderness Committee – Canada
Women's Earth and Climate Action Network
International – International
Women's Environment and Development Organization
– International

WoMin – South Africa
Wodonga Albury Towards Climate Health – Australia
Xun Biosphere Project – United States
Youth for Environment, Education and Development
Foundation – Nepal
Youth Movement for African Unity – Ghana

Youth Representatives Sustainable Development – The
Netherlands
YUVA – Turkey
Zero Waste Solutions – Canada
198 Methods – United States
350 Aotearoa – New Zealand

350 Baltimore – United States
350 Bay Area – United States
350 Brooklyn – United States
350 Columbia – United States
350 Conejo / San Fernando Valley – United States

350 Connecticut – United States
350 Dallas – United States
350 DC – United States
350 Greenbelt – United States
350Kishwaukee – United States

350 Louisville – United States
350 Montgomery County – United States
350 New Orleans – United States
350 NYC – United States
350 Pilipinas – Philippines

350 Riverside – United States
350 Santa Barbara – United States
350 Santa Cruz – United States
350 Silicon Valley – United States
350 STL – United States

350 Tacoma – United States
350.org – International

For further details, see these resources:

- **Open letter weblink:** <http://priceofoil.org/kinder-morgan-letter>
- **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:** http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf
- **Treaty Alliance against Tar Sands Expansion:** <http://www.treatyalliance.org>
- **Lofoten Declaration on a Managed Decline:** <http://www.lofotendeclaration.org>
- **#NotAPennyMore Declaration from Global Economists:** <https://notapennymore.info/declaration>
- **Tar Sands Pipelines Incompatibility with Climate Goals Report:** www.priceofoil.org/2017/01/19/Climate-on-the-Line-Why-New-Tar-Sands-Pipelines-Are-Incompatible-with-the-Paris-Goals
- **Climate Inequality in the Commonwealth Report:** <https://mediacentre.christianaid.org.uk/new-study-the-climate-change-inequality-at-the-heart-of-the-commonwealth>

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