

May 13, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable Tim Hodgson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources,
The Honourable Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health,
The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change,
The Honourable David Eby, Premier of British Columbia,
The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions for British Columbia,
The Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health for British Columbia,
The Honourable Tamara Davidson, Minister of Environment and Parks for British Columbia

Dear Ministers,

The health and wellbeing of communities across British Columbia are at risk, with no clear end in sight. The LNG Canada facility in Kitimat—the country’s first—is regularly exceeding its monthly [authorized emissions](#) by an average of 40 times, exposing local residents to excess flaring.

Canadians, especially those in LNG host communities, deserve to know at what point the continued exposure of communities to unabated flaring triggers a proportionate and urgent policy response?

The communities of Squamish, Terrace and Dawson Creek are facing parallel or related concerns tied to LNG development and associated infrastructure, and the airsheds of residential neighbourhoods, including Richmond and Surrey, are poised for the same. This situation could occur in other parts of Canada, such as Baie Comeau, Quebec and Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, where LNG development is being seriously considered. There exists no cumulative, independent health impacts assessment of the first LNG operation in Canada, LNG Canada Phase 1. This represents a significant gap in evidence-based decision-making required to protect people and communities.

The unabated flaring in Kitimat is exposing residents there to sustained and inadequately monitored [toxic air pollutants](#), all known to harm human health even over short exposure periods. Black carbon and benzene – a potent [carcinogen](#) for which there is [no safe exposure level](#) – are of particular concern. LNG Canada [told the regulator](#) that it estimates it will take three years to fix the equipment problem, raising concerns about emissions control, regulatory oversight, and health impacts on local communities.

In the haste to expand LNG production in Canada, we are concerned about the lack of research and information not just related to health impacts. Current federal definitions of “low-carbon

LNG” rely on narrow accounting that excludes upstream extraction, methane leakage, pipeline transport, and end-use combustion. Independent reporting and analysis have further highlighted that LNG Canada may be among the [most emissions-intensive facilities](#) globally.

The federal government, in its [Spring Economic Update](#), has acknowledged that expanding LNG production will increase emissions and intensify environmental risks, providing very little hard data and facts.

In this context, advancing additional LNG projects without addressing these unresolved issues presents unacceptable risks for British Columbia and Canada.

We are calling on the Governments of Canada and British Columbia to:

- Mandate an industry-funded independent, cumulative health impact assessment for British Columbia’s gas and LNG industry that can inform BC and other jurisdictions;
- Suspend all federal and provincial public financial support for new LNG projects, including direct financing, loan guarantees, tax incentives, royalty holidays, below-cost infrastructure or electricity provision, and any other form of public subsidy.
- Apply transparent and comprehensive carbon accounting in evaluating the full lifecycle emissions of LNG projects.

What’s needed is more than an acknowledgment of the health and climate risks of LNG but meaningful and swift political action that puts the health of people in Canada and our communities above fast tracking LNG expansion.

Signed,

1. Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment
2. Canadian Association of Nurses for the Environment—National + BC Chapter
3. BC ACORN
4. Calgary Climate Hub Association
5. Change Course
6. Citizens’ Climate Lobby Canada
7. Citizens for Public Justice
8. Climate Fast
9. Climate Justice Victoria
10. Council of Canadians
11. Cowichan Climate Hub
12. David Suzuki Foundation
13. Decolonial Solidarity
14. Doctors for Planetary Health – West Coast

15. Dogwood
16. Eco Elders for Climate Action
17. Ecojustice
18. Environmental Defence Canada
19. First Things First Okanagan
20. For Our Kids
21. Greater Victoria Climate Hub
22. Georgia Strait Alliance
23. Grandmothers Act to Save the Planet
24. Greenpeace Canada
25. Kaslo Climate Action Team
26. Langford Climate Action Team
27. Making Waves
28. Metchosin Climate Action Team
29. My Sea To Sky
30. Oak Bay Climate Force
31. Ontario Climate Emergency Campaign
32. Pacific Environment
33. RBC Off Screen
34. Regenerate BC
35. Say No to LNG Global Shipping Campaign
36. Seniors for Climate
37. Seniors for Climate Action Now
38. Shift: Action for Pension Wealth & Planet Health
39. Sierra Club BC
40. Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition
41. Solar Coaches
42. South Island Climate Action Network
43. Stand.earth
44. Sue Big Oil Comox Valley
45. The Nulla Project
46. Transition Saltspring
47. Transition Sooke
48. Unitarian Universalists of the Salish Sea
49. Victoria Coolkit
50. View Royal Climate Coalition
51. Watershed Sentinel
52. West Coast Climate Action Network
53. West Kootenay Climate Hub
54. Wilderness Committee