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Delta/Richmond Chapter

To:
Premier Christy Clark; Ministers Mary Polak and Rich Coleman
Legislative Assembly
501 Belleville St.
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November 5, 2014

Dear Premier and Hon. Ministers:

As you are aware the VAPOR Society and Otto Langer are taking your decision to issue the Vancouver Airport Fuel Facilities Corp. an Environmental Certificate to BC Supreme Court for a Judicial Review due to the manner in which the public was involved in the environmental assessment. The certificate allows jet fuel barges, tankers, a terminal and tank farm in the Fraser River. The case is to be heard on Nov 26 - 27, 2014 in Vancouver Supreme Court.

We feel your approval has not been based on the best science and to some large degree has ignored the large amount of public opposition to the project as well as the unanimous opposition of Richmond and Delta City Councils. Key to the approval was the inability of government, its EA process and VAFFC to give the public the opportunity for any hearing during a four year review process. To make matters worse, your BC EA Office then partnered in recommending the approval when PMV was to financially benefit greatly from the approval – an obvious conflict of interest that has been totally ignored.

The Council of Canadians supports the public right to challenge such poorly made decisions in our court system. We urge your government to review how you conduct environmental assessments and revise your legislation and procedures to insure that the public is given better options of being heard.

In a time of great economic growth promotion in BC and the downsizing of environmental review and enforcement staff and the elimination of FREMP and the neutering of federal CEAA and Fisheries Act and NWPA legislation it is hoped that your government can at least attempt to do a better job to protect Beautiful BC or the Best Place on Earth!

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Wilander

Council of Canadians,
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