

Dear Mayor and Council,

Woodfibre LNG has recently applied for an [amendment](#) to conditions 3.8 and 6.4 of its Federal Environmental Assessment [Decision Statement](#).

Please see our letter to Minister Guilbeault (attached) outlining our significant concerns with these proposed changes (see in particular Section 1).

While the public comment period ended on 30<sup>th</sup> January, Minister Guilbeault is the final decision maker on these proposed changes, and **I strongly encourage council to advocate directly with the Minister not to approve Woodfibre LNG's proposed amendments to conditions 3.8 and 6.4.**

We put together a [guide](#) to help understand this process, and what Woodfibre LNG is asking for.

Woodfibre LNG's rationale for amending the condition statements is that they are not "*technically or economically feasible*."

The issue at stake is whether it is acceptable to weaken environmental regulations if they are not easy for a project to comply with. But if a project is not able to comply with the conditions listed in its Environmental Assessment Decision Statement, then the project should not have been approved in the first place and should not be permitted to continue. The alleged inability to meet a standard is not a valid justification to lower the standard.

My Sea to Sky is extremely concerned that, if approved, this interpretation of the Impact Assessment Act could set a very dangerous precedent whereby any proponent that wishes to cut costs at the expense of the environment can claim that a condition is not "technically or economically feasible."

For more information, I recommend reading the following submissions from independent scientists, professionals, and other organizations to better understand what is at stake if these changes are approved:

- [Ruth Simons](#), Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative
- [Valeria Vergara](#), PhD, Cetacean Conservation Research Program Co-Director, Raincoast Conservation Foundation
- [Fiona Beaty](#), PhD Candidate, Zoology, University of British Columbia
- [Jessica Schultz](#), PhD Candidate, Biodiversity Science, University of Guelph
- [Graham Parkinson](#), Geoscience and Environmental professional
- Sunshine Coast Conservation Association (see attached)

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Best Regards,

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*We respectfully acknowledge that we work in the traditional, unceded territories and ancestral lands of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Selílwitlh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.*