

July 11, 2017

John Horgan
Premier-designate of British Columbia
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Horgan:

Congratulations on becoming Premier-designate of British Columbia. We look forward to your swearing-in as Premier on July 18.

We are writing you today to ask that your new Government at the earliest opportunity instruct BC Hydro to suspend the evictions of landowners in the Peace River valley and grant a further extension on the eviction timeline so that impacted families can stay in their homes until the future of Site C is firmly determined.

As of today's date, evictions are slated for July 15.

This is an unreasonable situation given the result of the recent provincial election and your subsequent agreement with Andrew Weaver, Leader of the Green Party to immediately refer the Site C dam construction project to the BC Utilities Commission on the question of economic viability and consequences to British Columbians.

We are aware that BC Hydro is also in the process of tendering contracts for the planned highway re-alignment at Bear Flat associated with the Site C project. In addition, BC Hydro plans to do archaeological work and other site preparations in the area, which could include the removal or destruction of heritage and cultural sites valued by First Nations and the public.

In this regard, we ask that you instruct BC Hydro to suspend all archaeological work, related preparations, and contract processes for the highway re-alignment at Cache Creek.

This is important to preserve First Nations sacred sites and ancient grave locations amongst other impacts.

We were impressed with your decision to write Jessica McDonald, CEO of BC Hydro on May 31, 2017 making similar requests. We support fully your approach to minimize impacts on the community of Bear Flat, West Moberly First Nations, Prophet River First Nations and others affected by this aspect of the Site C project in anticipation of the planned BCUC review.

Thank you for your kind consideration of these requests.

Sincerely yours,

Prophet Lake First Nation
 West Moberly First Nation
 Alliance4Democracy
 Amnesty International Canada
 BC Yukon KAIROS
 David Suzuki Foundation
 FightC
 Force of Nature
 Keepers of the Water
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