



APE Update.....a couple of quick things.....

In case you missed it, there was an article in the Vancouver Sun last week about a new policy for Environment Canada's (EC) scientists and dealing with the media.....

<http://www.canada.com/vancouvernews/news/story.html?id=47bf0fba-b98f-43fb-89fb-58b6464a7b24&k=65248>

This policy has the potential to prevent the general public from learning highly significant information that affects each and every one of us. For example, much of the factual information that APE has learned comes from EC's own scientists. The same goes for the issues behind the South Fraser Perimeter Road and Burns Bog. Again, it's EC's scientists questioning these projects and the general public plays an important role in supporting their findings. I shudder to think where Delta's port situation, as well as the SFPR, would be if it weren't for the line of communication between our publicly paid scientists and us! The federal government is exercising too much control over what the public is permitted to know.

I'd like to suggest that many, many people send a letter of protest to Stephen Harper and Auditor General Sheila Fraser. We absolutely need to defend our democratic right to learn the scientific facts about studies undertaken to determine what is safest, and best, for every Canadian citizen.

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Speaking of the SFPR, BC's Ministry of Transportation has asked for another extension to their environmental assessment application for the road. They are still in discussion with EC regarding their concerns. It will likely be the end of February before we hear more. For those who have not connected all the dots.....if the SFPR gets an approval, our chances of stopping the new Terminal 2 (T2) from being built at Deltaport will be slim to none. It is T2 that the road is being built for.

We've had a number of people suggest we get a bumper sticker campaign going. Therefore, we're looking for a short, catchy slogan. We'd love some input from other people, so if you've got any suggestions, by all means, please send them to me.

Do continue to check our website on a regular basis. It is the best means of getting news items and issues out to our supporters in the fastest possible way. We have a lot going on right now and as news or updates occur we immediately put them up on our website. In particular look out for a couple of important announcements in the next few weeks.