

Hundreds of people came out to the STOP Gateway Rally on March 31<sup>st</sup> to voice their opposition to the provincial government's Gateway Program.

This massive transportation plan is just one of many steps outlined in the Pacific Gateway Strategy Action Plan

([http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/PacificGateway/documents/PGS\\_Action\\_Plan\\_043006.pdf](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/PacificGateway/documents/PGS_Action_Plan_043006.pdf)), a comprehensive plan designed to put Canada's west coast ports in a position to capture significant portions of **potential** business from Asia's booming markets.

Rally speakers included radio personality Rafe Mair, Delta-Richmond East MP John Cummins, Delta Councillor Vicki Huntington, Adriane Carr of the Green Party, and David Chudnovsky, NDP's Transportation Critic. APE spokesperson Roger Emsley referred to Deltaport expansion plans as being the "head of the snake" when it comes to the Gateway Program.

The blatant lack of democratic process was a clear message delivered by both speakers and audience alike.

The real crowd pleasers were the representatives from S→APE (Students Against Port Expansion). These four young ladies dazzled the crowd with their passion to make a difference in their future.

