

Letter Opposing Roberts Bank Container Terminal 2:

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To all of the above,

I write this letter to voice my extreme opposition to the Port Metro Vancouver proposal to add a second container terminal (RBT2) on Roberts Bank, which will have a devastating impact on the environment and the quality of life of thousands of Lower Mainland residents. My opposition to the T2 Project is based on the following:

1. There is no business need or justification for this project.
2. Canada's trading needs can be met for many years to come by the existing BC West Coast port operations and their planned expansions without ever building T2. Specifically opportunities for expanding the container terminal at Prince Rupert (which has potential for 4 - 5 million containers) should be maximized as recommended in the 2008 Federal Government Report on the Asia Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative
3. The environmental damage to Roberts Bank will be severe and cannot possibly be mitigated.
4. The negative socio-community impacts, especially in South Delta, are significant and unacceptable.
5. The cumulative impact of this project, were it to proceed, coupled with the previous industrial developments on Roberts Bank resulting from the three berth Deltaport as well as Westshore Terminals, will cause a serious degradation of both Roberts Bank as well as the surrounding communities and waterways.
6. A previous independent panel review turned down port development in this very area stating that "the potential impacts on the Fraser Estuary were too great". Nothing has changed other than Roberts Bank is now known to be of even greater environmental value.
7. Department of Fisheries and Oceans stated 'there was no possible amount of mitigation projects they could envisage that would compensate for the environmental damage that RBT2 would cause'
8. Environment and Climate Change Canada have stated that the RBT2 development could potentially implicate the long-term viability of Western Sandpipers as a species. ECCC similarly characterizes impacts to Western Sandpipers as potentially high in magnitude, permanent, irreversible, and continuous.
9. Port truck traffic is already at unsustainable levels and the increase that would result from RBT2 is unacceptable.

It is deplorable to realize that clean air, environmental health, human health, agricultural land, and public accountability are being pushed aside to pave the way for a container terminal that is not needed.

Please ensure that the RBT2 project is stopped now. I await your personal response,

Yours truly