Roberts Bank Terminal 2 – NOT Justified in the Circumstances

The Federal Government recognized the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2) project causes significant adverse environmental effects, yet both Federal and Provincial Governments approved this environmentally and economically disastrous project. In doing so governments:

- Ignored government science on biofilm and the salinity trigger effect.
- Attached 370 conditions to its approval, many of which are weak and some that government scientists have proven cannot be implemented.
- Misrepresented the project need and the timeline for additional capacity on the Canadian West Coast.
- Never investigated alternatives that can deliver additional container terminal capacity on the Canadian west coast at less cost and without the adverse environmental effects.
- Approved the project despite union objections
- Ignored the opposition by three lower mainland cities, independent scientists expert in wetlands ecology, over 20 major environmental groups and several indigenous nations.
- Ignored the science and concerns surrounding already depleted salmon stocks and the threats to Southern Resident Killer Whales
- Never carried out a thorough cumulative effects assessment, including on marine shipping through the Salish Sea, as well as rail traffic through the already congested Fraser Canyon.

Approving this project leads to yet more light, noise and air pollution for local residents, further road congestion. It condemns migratory and other shorebirds, salmon, already endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales and other wildlife to further population declines and the real possibility of species extinction.
Building Roberts Bank Terminal 2 in the Fraser Estuary means:

- Upsetting Roberts Bank’s natural chemistry
- Destroying the unique quality of its intertidal biofilm
- Breaking the chain of the Pacific Flyway
- Destroying a key refueling stop for migratory birds
- Further declines in the western sandpiper population towards eventual species extinction
- Pushing Orca whales towards their eventual extinction
- Putting juvenile salmon at increased risk
- Further declines in commercial crabbing
- Infringing on First Nations livelihoods and cultural practices
- Increased air, noise and light pollution
- More traffic congestion caused by Port truck traffic

For What? A new $4-6 billion container terminal that can never be economically justified, because there are better cheaper alternatives to satisfy Canada’s trading needs. Demand governments stop this. Email ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca and copy saynotot2@gmail.com