



NBASGA, Inc.

Solidarity Statement Calling for New Brunswick Government to Respect the Right to Free, Prior, Informed Consent for Fracking in N.B.

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We condemn attempts being made by the Premier of New Brunswick to coerce Wolastoqey and Mi'kmaw leaders to allow fracking on their traditional and unceded territories by withholding funding¹ and offering purely speculative future funding derived from fracked gas.

These attempts violate the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to Free, Prior, and Informed consent, and fail to uphold the constitutional duty to meaningfully consult Indigenous peoples with regard to decisions it is contemplating that could affect Indigenous Treaty rights.

We call on the government of New Brunswick to cease attempts to coerce consent to fracking in traditional and unceded territories of the Wolastoqiyik and Mi'kmaq people in the province.

We assert that the recognized threats of fracking to the climate, human health, and the health of the environment—including water, land, and air—will far outweigh any speculative financial benefits from fracking.

We call on the Government of New Brunswick to recognize the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which demonstrate that there can be no new fossil fuel development or infrastructure² if we wish to secure a safe climate future.

We call on the provincial government to uphold the existing moratorium on fracking³ in New Brunswick, recognize that the conditions for lifting it cannot be attained, and to act immediately to establish a permanent, legislated ban on fracking in the province.

¹ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/departement-of-finance-blaine-higgs-1.5985206>

² https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg3/downloads/report/IPCC_AR6_WGIII_FullReport.pdf (page 698)

³ <https://nbmediacoop.org/2015/10/31/the-social-licence-dilemma-for-shale-gas-proponents-in-nb/>

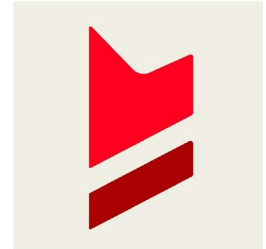
We call for all provincial leaders in New Brunswick to commit to upholding Indigenous rights and governmental duties, to publicly affirm their support for the existing ban on fracking, and to commit to passing legislation to ban fracking permanently in New Brunswick.

Signed,

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