

NBASGA, Inc.

## New Brunswick needs to build a healthier, affordable, reliable and sustainable electricity system

Dear [firstname],

We are writing to share with you a solidarity statement written by the Sierra Club Canada, the Conservation Council of New Brunswick, and the New Brunswick Anti-Shale Gas Alliance regarding the development of a shale gas industry in New Brunswick. You can read the statement here: <u>English | French</u>

The statement calls for the recognition that:

- In the face of the clear danger posed by the climate emergency, the pursuit of shale gas is self-destructive;
- The clear evidence of the threats of fracking to health, water, air, and land mean that conditions for lifting the moratorium on fracking cannot be met, and there can be no social license; and,
- Attempts to essentially bribe First Nations to accept shale gas with flimsy and speculative promises of future financial gain do not qualify as the legal obligation of consultations based on free, prior and informed consent.

The statement is endorsed by 47 groups of all descriptions.

We ask that, as Members of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick, you enact measures to remove shale gas from the public and political debate on climate and energy, as it cannot be a part of the solutions to those issues.

New Brunswick needs to build a healthier, affordable, reliable and sustainable electricity system. We look forward to working with MLAs and the Government of New Brunswick in pursuit of a clean electricity strategy that keeps electricity affordable and reliable for citizens, businesses and industry, while doing our part to meet provincial, national and international commitments to reduce the pollution causing climate change.

Sincerely,

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