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## **Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council stands in opposition to Northern Gateway decision**

On June 17, 2014, the Federal Government of Canada, ruled by the current majority Conservative Party led by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, has turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to the protests of BC First Nations and has given unwelcome approval to the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project.

Despite the Joint Review Panel's decision to apply a staggering 209 recommendations to the project, and without the free, prior and informed consent of First Nations, this federal government has flaunted provincial, federal, international, and Indigenous law to proceed with a project that poses unacceptable risk of catastrophic environmental damage to lands and waterways.

Today, the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council stands in solidarity with all opposing First Nations in British Columbia, including those of the First Nations Leadership Council. NTC and Nuu-chah-nulth citizens stand with their brothers and sisters in the North of BC and across the province in their opposition to the project wherever that opposition is required, on the land, on the water and, if required, in the courts.

"We call upon all Nations, our citizens and all Canadians to stand together, hand in hand as human beings to fight this project," said NTC Vice-President Ken Watts. "This project has the very real potential to negatively impact our lives and the lives of our future generations, forever."

"We are deeply concerned by Prime Minister Harper's decision. We urge Canadians to stand with First Nations and come together like we have never done before in our history," said NTC President Debra Foxcroft. "This is not just an Indigenous issue, it is a human issue."

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