

Reference: 359385

Harry Crosby, President  
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Dear Harry Crosby:

Thank you for your letter of July 16, 2020, describing BC Nature's concerns with the Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project's (Tilbury LNG) effects on the local and global environments. Minister Heyman has asked that I respond on his behalf.

Tilbury LNG is currently in the Early Engagement phase of the Environmental Assessment Office's (EAO) regulatory process under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (2018) (Act). Early Engagement is an important preparatory phase where meaningful conversations can begin about a proposed project with participants to identify potential interests, issues and concerns. Following Early Engagement, a decision will be made on whether a project should proceed to an environmental assessment (EA) during the Readiness Decision.

The Act requires, if a project proceeds to an EA, that the issues and concerns of all interested parties and Indigenous nations are considered together and that a project will proceed in a sustainable manner. The Act requires the assessment of specific matters in every EA (in section 25), including: greenhouse gas emissions and the effects on the Province being able to meet its legislated emission reduction targets; environmental effects including those to wildlife and species at risk; cumulative effects; effects on current and future generations; and effects on biophysical factors that support ecosystem function.

Your letter has been posted to the EAO's Project Information and Collaboration [website](#) as part of the recent public comment period for Tilbury LNG. The issues you identified will be reflected in the Summary of Engagement produced by the EAO. FortisBC is required to provide meaningful responses in its Detailed Project Description to the issues included in the Summary of Engagement. Thank you for taking the time to write regarding your concerns with Tilbury LNG.

Sincerely,

**SCOTT BAILEY**

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