



# Texada's proposed natural gas power plant

*What's at risk by importing LNG into our backyard*

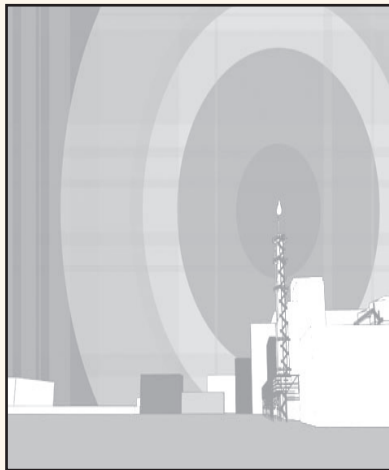
## NOT WANTED

### U.S.A. says NO

From California to Alabama the U.S. is saying no to LNG facilities on their coastlines and in their communities. LNG is seen as the saviour for our energy hungry neighbours to the south but concerns over safety, security and the environment have Americans saying, "Not in my backyard".

### Try Canada

Why then would the people of Texada Island and the Powell River Region want a polluting mega power plant dependent on imported LNG? Is the promise of 75 jobs enough to endure the life-changing affects that an industrial plant, a 15 story storage facility and supertankers the size of aircraft carriers will bring to *our backyard*?



## NOT SAFE

### Safety First

If LNG is so clean and safe, why is the industry having such a tough time finding a home for it? Natural gas is a combustible so an uncontrolled release of LNG poses a hazard of fire or in confined spaces, explosion. The dangers to those caught within the impact zone include: asphyxiation due to lack of oxygen, exposure to severe cryogenic temperatures, burns from severe heat and thermal radiation and damage from high pressure blast waves and flying debris.

It's common sense that 1,000 ft. supertankers filled with flammable gas pose a threat to our community and our waterways. From security threats to a possible breach of our no tanker zone policy, there is much to debate and be concerned over.

## Environment

Oversight for the Texada project is driven by the environmental assessment process. But the process is anything but onerous. No project has ever been turned down by the environmental assessment office.

But concern doesn't end in own backyard. LNG largely comes from unstable countries where we see environmental and human rights problems caused by the energy industry in the Peruvian Amazon rainforest, in Indonesia and in the Middle East.

Like other fossil fuels, when natural gas burns it emits greenhouse gases. We have the time and the power to develop safe and clean energy. But locking ourselves into a future of LNG will not get us there.

## NOT NEEDED

Despite what the government tells you, we are not going to run out of energy tomorrow. The policy to privatize power production in BC is largely behind the drive to develop new energy projects. We have time to make sure BC becomes a true leader of renewable, sustainable power.



## What can I do?

*Get Informed • Take Action*

### TOWN HALL MEETING WITH RAFE MAIR

Attend the town hall meeting in Powell River on Monday, October 1st. BC's best known political commentator and broadcaster, Rafe Mair will moderate a forum for community people. Politicians and other opinion leaders have been invited.

Town Centre Hotel, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. A shuttle will pick up at the ferry on the Powell River side and return people for ferries back to Texada.

### DEMAND A REFERENDUM

Ultimately the Powell River Regional District and Powell River's Mayor and Council must put a YES or No referendum on the ballot in November, 2008. Call and tell them you want a referendum on the proposed Texada power plant.

### TELL THE POLITICIANS AND THE BC GOVERNMENT

A full list of all our local, provincial and federal politicians is attached. Take a minute and contact them today.

Also email direct at [www.publicpowerbc.ca](http://www.publicpowerbc.ca)  
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