
WASHINGTON TRIBES STAND WITH THE PUYALLUP TRIBE

Dear Governor Inslee,

As tribal leaders from across the state, we stand united with our Coast Salish relatives from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians in their fight to defend their treaty and their homelands. The people, land, and water of the Puyallup Tribe are threatened by the devastating effects of Puget Sound Energy's Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility. And the review process for this project is so severely flawed that the State of Washington must intervene.

By law, developments like the LNG facility require government-to-government consultation with our sovereign tribal nations. Yet the City of Tacoma failed to properly consult with the Puyallup Tribe, thereby denying tribal rights and threatening the health, culture, and livelihood of thousands of tribal members. In addition, the LNG project also threatens the human rights of others in the region, including those held by ICE at the nearby Northwest Detention Center.

Since the LNG project was proposed and evaluated, it has changed dramatically. The development plans have been altered by at least seven substantive changes that have not been addressed by any EIS review. In fact, the reviews are so flawed that the Attorney General's Office has called portions of them "fictional."

Moreover, since the LNG project was proposed and evaluated, the science has changed. A new and more complete understanding of methane leakage indicates that gas infrastructure, like the LNG facility, is far more harmful than previously thought. It is a threat both to the global climate and to the natural resources of tribes around the region.

We have seen recent leadership in Washington State. Officials have stood up to dirty energy developments that threaten tribal rights, including rejections of coal ports at Cherry Point and Longview, and an oil train terminal at Vancouver. We are asking for your leadership again. **As Governor, we urge you to demand that the City of Tacoma initiate a supplemental EIS process—co-led by the Washington Department of Ecology—**

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that would properly consult with the Puyallup Tribe; adequately address the many substantive changes to the project; and include the new information and science now available.

Sincerely,

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