

Heiltsuk Tribal
Council



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#HEILTSUKSTRONG: WE CONTINUE TO SAY NO TO NORTHERN GATEWAY

The Heiltsuk position on the Northern Gateway Pipeline project has always been clear and consistent. We will not allow the project to threaten our waters and our resources.

Community members have told us we must take whatever action is necessary to stop this risky project. Throughout this long-drawn-out battle against Enbridge our Hemas have been an incredible resource of strength and wisdom. They remind us of our connection to our lands and waters. We must continue to uphold the wishes of our Hemas and community members. Our Hemas demonstrated their strong opposition towards the project when they filed as intervenors during the Joint Review Panel process.

Despite spending millions of dollars trying to buy support for its Northern Gateway Project Enbridge still doesn't have the support of the Heiltsuk, other coastal First Nations and the majority of British Columbians.


Sadly it has come to our attention that Enbridge has been approaching some of our hereditary chiefs and employees in a pathetic attempt to gain support of Northern Gateway. This underhanded act by Enbridge is not new. Enbridge also approached hereditary chiefs from other coastal communities.

We have shown incredible strength and determination in our fight to keep our territories safe from Northern Gateway. The announcement of an oil tanker moratorium by the Federal Government makes it clear the project is on its deathbed.

Our waters are not for sale to big oil no matter how much money is on the table. There are thousands of British Columbians and Canadians who feel the same way, and who stand with us as we continue to fight to stop this perilous project.

Other than communication through our legal counsel there has been **NO** contact between HTC and Enbridge. That will not change.

We will **NOT** stand down until Northern Gateway is dead. We must remain vigilant in protecting what is ours.



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