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Feel free to copy the text below as it is, but remember that adding your own thoughts makes it more likely to be read and have an impact. It's your voice, speaking about your concerns and your hope for the kids in your life, that is important to share. You can begin the email with something like: "As a parent (or grandparent), my primary concern is a liveable planet for children."

You can send the email on your own, or, if you are part of a For Our Kids team, you could send it on behalf of the whole team, and include your names and your kids' names.

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CC: [justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca), [chrystia.freeland@canada.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@canada.ca), **YOUR MP** ([find them here](#))  
Subject: Reconsider Bay du Nord project approval

Hon. Steven Guilbeault  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Dear Minister Guilbeault,

I profoundly disagree with your decision to approve the Bay du Nord project, and particularly your judgement that this project is "not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects". How did you arrive at that conclusion, when all the evidence points in the opposite direction? Even overlooking the disruption caused by building and maintaining the drilling site, the possibility of a spill and the extreme challenge of trying to contain or clean up a spill at the site – it is the impact of the emissions caused by burning the oil and gas that will have incredibly adverse environmental effects.

I'm sure you are aware of this, and I believe that you fundamentally realize that approval is the wrong decision. I'm urging you to reconsider. These facts will be familiar to you, but they bear repeating:

- the International Energy Agency has declared that there can be no investment in new fossil fuel projects if the world is to hit net-zero targets by 2050
- the latest IPCC reports (building on evidence from all previous IPCC reports) confirm that we have few years left to make immediate and accelerated transition to renewable energy
- adding another 200,000 barrels/day of oil to the carbon budget is not transition; it is literally adding fuel to the fire
- the economy and livelihoods of Newfoundland & Labrador residents, as well as those working in fossil fuel-related industries across the country, will not benefit from short-term, short-sighted projects that continue to add to the problem – our money would be

significantly more beneficial if it were invested in renewable energy projects, retraining, and reshaping our dependence on resource extraction

- the area where Bay du Nord will be constructed is one of incredible marine biodiversity and needs protection, not exploitation and exposure to vulnerability

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For all these reasons, and keeping in mind the chaos our kids are facing over their lifetimes from wildfires, droughts, floods, intense heat events, viral outbreaks, food and water shortages all caused by our dependence on extraction and carbon-based economies, I urge you with all my strength to reconsider the approval of this project. There must be a better way, and a better path forward for our kids.