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To: Consultation

Subject: Regarding Guiding Principle and Directive 4 from Aboriginal Engagement File

Greetings,

Regarding the government's guidelines in respect to the involvement people of the First Nations have in Canada's future, I believe there is a great inconsistency. Guiding Principle and Directive #4 states that Aboriginal groups: "make their concerns known to the Crown and share any other relevant information that can assist in assessing the strength of their claim or the seriousness of any impacts on their potential or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights and related interests."

"Assist in assessing the strength of their claim" - and who is doing this assessing? By chance, is it done by politicians who do this "assessing" between opening checks from oil/gas lobbyists? This is outrageous. The government states in the same file, "Guiding Principle and Directive # 4" that Aboriginal groups: "consider that they do not have a veto over the proposed project; that consultation may not always lead to accommodation or that there may not always be agreement on what accommodation measures may be appropriate."

So, this present government was brought to power by 39.62% of the 61.1% of eligible voters who placed a ballot in 2011. This 39.62% is telling Aboriginal groups that they do not have a final say in what happens to their land, culture and livelihood?! And that "consultation may not always lead to accommodation". How convenient, the government created an easy way to ignore people's concerns. I'll tell you what: this is unacceptable! Start changing the platform/pattern(s) please asap.

I can guarantee anyone that the public (including Aboriginal groups) do actually have the final say. It is not the government who dictates to the people - the government is the Servant of the people. That is why politicians are called public servants, although nowadays they mainly serve lobbyists.

39.62% out of 61.1% is not a majority. The rest of us will have to be heard, we're not invisible people.

All the best to everyone,

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