

February 10, 2020

Bernard Achampong  
Executive Project Director  
B.C. Environmental Assessment Office  
*Via email*

Dear Mr. Achampong:

**Re: Environmental Assessment Certificate E14-03 Condition 1 Report #2**

We write on behalf of our client, Dark House, in respect of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project.

Last week, the RCMP commenced enforcement action pursuant to the BC Supreme Court's December 31, 2019 injunction order. The enforcement action took place following repeated public statements by your government indicating that all permits for the project are in place.

As you are aware, these statements are inaccurate. The Environmental Assessment Office has yet to make a decision to accept Coastal GasLink's Certificate E14-03 Condition 1 Report #2 in respect of the Morice River Technical Boundary Area. In the absence of a decision on the Report, substantial portions of work on the project cannot proceed.

The Technical Boundary Area is within Dark House territory and subject to Wet'suwet'en title and rights. It also includes the Unist'ot'en Healing Centre. Coastal GasLink's draft Report fails to consider or address how the project will affect the Healing Centre or Dark House's ability to provide land-based healing practices to individuals experiencing the effects of intergenerational trauma and colonization.

Dark House has advised the EAO of its concerns regarding the adequacy of the draft Report in its letters of November 7, 2019 and December 17, 2019, and at our in-person meeting on December 9, 2019.



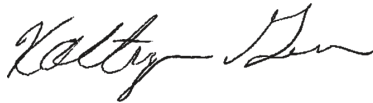
We have also repeatedly emphasized Dark House leadership's desire to meet with you in person to discuss their concerns regarding the impacts of the project on the Healing Centre. We have yet to receive a decision on the Report, nor has the EAO met with Dark House leadership.

In our view, any decision to accept the Report in its current form would be contrary to the EAO's own guidelines in respect of the Environmental Assessment Certificate, as well as the Province's obligations to Dark House pursuant to section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* and its commitments in respect of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*.

Please advise how your office intends to address the deficiencies in the Report and fulfil its obligations to consult with our client.

We further expect that the EAO will provide Dark House with written reasons regarding any decision to accept the Report in its current form.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Gunn".

Kate Gunn  
First Peoples Law Corporation

Cc. Client