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BCUC INQUIRY RESPECTING SITE C

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Regarding Site C

Most of the people have only driven the road to Ft St John and marvelled at the beauty of the valley with no vested interest whatsoever. Many people from other communities haven't even seen the river, or some may have paddled it once or twice to jump on board with the great David Suzuki. They are very self righteous while talking through their hat. They are the prey of the propaganda machine put in motion by the doom and gloom nimbi's.

18 miles of the Peace River from Hudson's Hope to the Halfway on the south side is my trap line, which I have owned and operated for 43 of my 70 years. I believe this gives my comments some viable authenticity.

The Peace Canyon Dam. The park is filled to capacity on weekends with campers and fishermen. Ask them if they like it there and are enjoying the lake.

The Williston yacht club, boaters, tourists, hunters, and fishermen seem to love Williston Lake. An English immigrant, for example, has owned a trap line on Williston for years. He has made a life for his family and himself there and absolutely loves it.

What about the town of Mackenzie and the hundreds of thousands of people that have made a living and a life by way of Williston Lake. Where would they be without the Bennet Dam.

Positive Benefits of Site C

1. Thousands of jobs for people that work for a living.
2. Economic spin off for local businesses.
3. A lake full of water for when global warming dries up our snow pack and rivers.
4. A lake full of fish and bays for camping which will enhance tourism.
5. Immigration of 275,000 legal immigrants a year come over to Canada. What do we do with them? How do they earn a living?
6. Canada's economy is based on resource extraction. If they stop that and stop immigration then we can all sit on our laurels and peacefully drown in our own swill.
7. The valley is not gone, it is only changed. Albert Einstein said "quote". "Matter cannot be created or destroyed, it can only be changed."
8. Of course, it is a mess for a awhile, but so is the yard when you build a house.
9. How can people be so short sighted and narsistic as to think that the progress of civilization should stop and go according to their personal and very short lived whim?
10. I was here before both dams and I have worked on 10 hydro electric porjects. I've seen the impacts, before and after, first hand, not in some doom and gloom imagination.
11. The positive outweighs the negative by far! Of course some people will be impacted negatively but with a positive attitude you can turn it around. Put your feet up and enjoy life.

It's not really the end of the world, but rather the enhancement of prosperity for Hudson's Hope, the Peace River District and BC in general.

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