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I am in complete agreement that the work on the Site C Dam should be stopped immediately and the whole project terminated. The Site C dam can not be completed on time because BC Hydro has already stated that it will miss its September 2019 deadline to divert the Peace River to build Site C , a one year delay that will push up the dam's cost by \$610 million. Thus making the project not on time and not on budget. The cost to ratepayers of terminating the project is a fraction of the cost to build the dam. Building a renewable portfolio of wind and geothermal would save BC ratepayers \$.7 to \$1.6 billion. BC's energy demand is flat and will remain so for some time. At the moment BC has to sell power for less than it costs to produce. Demand growth is effectively zero as new energy saving technologies and more conservation efforts are initiated. But the most important reason to stop the Site C dam is because it is being built illegally. It is an infringement of Aboriginal and treaty rights of the Treaty 8 First Nations who have inhabited the area for over 10,000 years. The BC NDP government and the federal Canadian government promised to uphold the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Our governments must abide by Canada's commitment to Indigenous and human rights at the United Nations. Other reason to not build the dam are as follows: Loss of over 31,000 acres of precious, Class 1-7 farmland would be destroyed by building the dam Sire C dam will threaten the future survival of several wildlife populations in the Peace region. And lastly the value of ecological services provided by the Peace River Watershed are estimated to be \$7.9 to \$8.6 billion per year. This includes carbon storage, water supply, air filtration, flood and erosion control and wildlife habitat.

I believe that the previous government went forward with building the dam knowing that it would bankrupt BC Hydro which would then be transferred to a private hydro company. I think if the Site C dam gets built, BC Hydro will go bankrupt. I do not want this to happen. Please help to stop the building of the site C dam.