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Via Email: scott.bailey@gov.bc.ca

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Dear Scott Bailey:

Re: Environmental Assessment of Woodfibre LNG Project – requested studies

On behalf of the Islands Trust Council, we request additional studies to support a more thorough understanding of the proposed LNG project's impacts.

We request that the proponent be required to undertake, and make public, studies that examine:

- impacts of LNG tanker wake on eelgrass and kelp beds, all potentially impacted shoreline types, forage fish habitat, and public safety;
- feasibility of LNG tankers serving the Woodfibre LNG projects using LNG fuel rather than crude oil as an energy source as a way to mitigate the risk of oil spills;
- impacts of all marine shipping traffic related to the Woodfibre LNG project on recreational and commercial use of the marine environment throughout Howe Sound;
- potential impact of explosion or fire on a LNG tanker in transit, including a credible worst-case scenario in Howe Sound;

We have heard concerns from Howe Sound community members that a tanker accident could result in an LNG vapour cloud igniting when it meets an ignition source. This is obviously a source of worry for local residents.

- project's contribution to upstream greenhouse gas emissions generated by production and transportation of LNG to the project; and
- impacts on the glass sponge reefs from LNG tankers' wake, vibration and noise.

To assist the proponent to fully consider the special and important features of this region, we have offered Woodfibre LNG staff Islands Trust mapping products that contain sensitive ecosystem, eelgrass, forage fish habitat, protected area and other relevant information.

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Thank you for considering this submission to your consultation process. Please note that our response should in no way be construed as lessening the Islands Trust Council's opposition to LNG and oil tanker traffic through the Salish Sea.

Sincerely,



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