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Woodfibre LNG Project  
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency  
410-701 West Georgia Street  
Vancouver, British Columbia V7Y 1C6

Dear: Environmental Assessment Agency

Re: Woodfibre LNG Project Proposal -Reference 80060

I write in my capacity as a Trustee of the Gambier Islands Trust Area. These are my comments as an individual Trustee, not the official comments of the Islands Trust or made on behalf of the Local Trust Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to make submissions.

### **Background related to the Gambier Island Trust Area**

As the CEAA office is likely aware, the Gambier Island Trust (GIT) is one of 13 Local Trust areas created by the Islands Trust Act with planning authority for both the Islands of Howe Sound and the surrounding waters. (In fact jurisdiction expands beyond Howe Sound to encompass the waters and Islands up the Sunshine Coast to Pender Harbour but Howe Sound is the main focus of these comments). I point out that Bowen Island, while obviously in Howe Sound, is a separate Municipality within the Island Trust structure and thus not within the jurisdiction of the GIT Council.

The Gambier Local Trust Committee is subject to the principals of the Islands Trust Act and the overall Islands Trust Policy statement. As set out in s. 3 of the Act,

**“The object of the Trust is to preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the trust area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia”**

*Preserving **Island** communities, culture and environment*

The Islands Trust Policy Statement can be accessed here:

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/pdf/orgpolstatement.pdf>,

However the three main objects are to:

- a) foster the preservation and protection of the Trust Area's ecosystems;
- b) ensure that human activity and the scale, rate and type of development in the Trust Area are compatible with maintenance of the integrity of Trust Area ecosystems; and
- c) sustain island character and healthy communities.

These are important statutory objectives that the Islands Trust and the Gambier Islands Trust Committee takes seriously. The Policy Statement mandates an approach that includes not only technical planning issues but also an overall approach to development that impacts the area to advocate for the objects of both the Act and the Policy Statement.

## **Submissions**

I am attaching my submission to the BC Environmental Review Office in March of 2015 and reiterate all the points I made in that submission. I have thoroughly reviewed the reports issued by the proponent and that EAO office and Provincial Government since submissions closed on the original Environmental Review in BC and frankly nothing has changed my view that this proposal is entirely inconsistent with the aspirations of the communities around Howe Sound and the ecosystem of Howe Sound and indeed the whole of the Salish Sea. I ask that you review my earlier submissions on the marine issues, the process, the shipping and safety issues and the quality of life issues.

I do wish to add three other points, points that were made repeatedly in the public forums hosted by the MP for this Federal Riding – Pamela Goldsmith Jones. These forums were extremely well attended and were as near to unanimous in opposition to the proposal as is possible. Here are my points:

- a) succinctly, there is no community consent to this project and on that score alone, the project should not be allowed. There is no “national interest” that overrides this community consent and the opposition is overwhelming.
- b) The increase in GHG emissions as a result of the upstream activity to produce the gas in question is sufficiently large to ensure that BC and indeed Canada cannot possibly meet its commitments regarding emissions. While it is possible to argue that the gas may be produced in any case, that is not a certainty in the current economic climate and in any case licenses should not be issued that allow these types of increases to occur.
- c) Perhaps most importantly, the fact that most if not all of the gas to be used in this facility comes from fracking is harrowing and disturbing. Projects that encourage the use of this technology should be discouraged if not outright banned. I will leave it to others to

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provide the details as to why but I am satisfied that it is crucial this practice be curtailed not encouraged.

In Summary then, I remain firmly opposed to this project ... as a Trustee, as a resident, as a boater as an environmentalist. We trust that the Minister and the Cabinet will do the right thing and reject this project.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) "*Dan Rogers*"

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cc Islands Trust Northern Office  
cc Pam Goldsmith-Jones, MP