



An open statement to the Honourable Gordon Campbell
and Norwest Corporation

Wet'suwet'en Chiefs Oppose Coalbed Methane



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We, the hereditary chiefs of the Wet'suwet'en, care deeply about our territory. Our traditional use has been confirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada through the Delgamuukw-Gisday Wa court case.

After careful consideration of the risks and benefits of coalbed methane, we have unanimously decided to oppose the tenure for the Telkwa coalbed methane project.

The Wet'suwet'en are supportive of economic development in our territory. We continue to work with the broader community toward development that delivers benefits while protecting the land. But coalbed methane poses too great a risk to what we already have: clean water, wild salmon, and abundant wildlife.

Together, we have decided against coalbed methane development in our territory. We call on the BC government and Norwest Corporation to honour this decision.