

# Texada Action Now (TAN) Community Association

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### WE HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS [texadaactionnow@gmail.com](mailto:texadaactionnow@gmail.com)

In order to have effective communications with our membership and other interested parties, we have created a new email address that will accommodate large group mailings.

Many addresses were lost due to the closure of PRCN. If you are interested in receiving updates from TAN, please email our new address.

We are in the planning stages of a letter writing campaign with Arlene Rycroft as our co-coordinator. Letters will be directed at all levels of government and made available on our website and at local functions. We need as many letter writers as possible who will allow their work to be edited. Please leave a message at

**604-486-7360 or email**

[arlenerycroft@xplornet.com](mailto:arlenerycroft@xplornet.com) if you can help with this campaign.

We are grateful to everyone taking time to write letters to the media and politicians. Every letter to a politician represents many votes. The campaign we are initiating will augment, NOT REPLACE, you. WestPac LNG is active and lobbying. Political policy on energy and environment is being made NOW. Please, keep up your good work.

### News Item:

- Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski has ordered a "timeout" in the debate over LNG terminals in Oregon and has asked US federal regulators to halt their review of proposed facilities until a "big picture" review is done to see if any LNG terminals are needed at all.

### People needed for projects

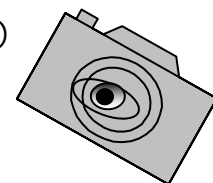
We are making our power point presentation available to other organizations. We would also like to create a video on LNG issues that contains information relevant to BC and Canada. This is outside the expertise and/or equipment of our present volunteer staff. Are there any people interested who have the time, equipment and inclination to help with this project? Please contact Paula Brunelle at 604-486-6774.

**TAN is seeking people to do research on the internet for a variety of tasks. Please contact Paula Brunelle at 604-486-6774**

### TAN PHOTO CONTEST

Thanks to all participants: The pictures of Texada subject matter were all great, and it was hard to rank them for their artistic and informative qualities... Four prizes were awarded for the contest entries.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mindy Jones (Heischolt lake)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Kamps (January sunset)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Elaine Biffert (Moon snail)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sheena Black (Harebell flower)



### Bizarre Bazaar —TAN Table

The TAN table at the February Bizarre Bazaar took in \$82.50, thanks to the generosity of Texadans. We will be there again, Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 2:30 at the Gillies Bay Community Hall. If you have items to donate, phone Judy at (604) 486-0178



**"Face Book" News:** Webmaster Collier Quinton reported very recently that we have over 725 members of the Facebook group "say no to WestPac LNG on Texada island b.c." You can find the link on our website, [www.texadaactionnow.org](http://www.texadaactionnow.org)

## Climate Action Team

By *Rob McWilliam*, TAN Director

Premier Campbell has announced a very ambitious plan for reducing green house gases (GHGs) by 33% by 2020, and has even put that commitment into binding legislation. So what does that have to do with an LNG Plant on Texada Island? Actually it could be the answer to the problem.

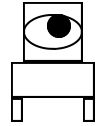
Cutting GHGs by 40 million tonnes is going to be a huge challenge for British Columbia and having a single project coming on-line in the same time period that will be adding an additional 2.7 million tonnes per year will make it virtually impossible for the Government to achieve its commitment without major cuts in other sectors of the economy.

The Premier has established a Climate Action Team (CAT) to advise the Government on how to meet its GHG targets. A final report is to be submitted to the Premier by July. Environmental representatives on this Team have called on B.C. Environmental Groups to assist them in preparing recommendations. Thanks to TAN's involvement in the Alliance against LNG we were invited to participate in a meeting to prepare recommendations for CAT.

TAN representatives were successful in getting the environmental organizations to put forward as a high priority a recommendation that "no new electricity generation facilities which generate GHGs" should be permitted. If CAT support this recommendation to Government it would mean that a key component of Westpac's project would be eliminated, and the project economics would no longer be viable.

Westpac has said that it is delaying until the BC Green Plan is finalized. TAN and other Environmental Groups will be working hard to ensure the BC Green Plan says "NO" to Westpac.

## View from the Chair



Westpac is not going to go away easily. In an article printed in the Feb 13 edition of the Powell River Peak, Westpac officials said they are no longer going to run the plant as a "base load" facility that would run 24hrs a day 365 days a year. Instead they say they are planning on having a "peaking" facility that would only generate electricity when there is high demand on Hydro's system, or 30 to 60 days a year. This change makes the plant much less efficient; in that separate gas fired boilers will have to be built to warm the LNG to regasify it. The plant emissions per operating hour will actually increase. We don't think many will be fooled into believing that anyone is foolish enough to spend \$2 billion on a plant to run it 30 or 60 days per year.

Perhaps WestPac thinks they can sneak in under the radar of the Premier's green plan by pretending to change the plant's name. We can't let that happen. Common sense tells us that you can't decrease emissions by burning more carbon based fossil fuels.

LNG is not a "clean" nor "green" fuel. A lot of energy is wasted cooling the gas. Imagine how much energy would be required to cool 600 huge tanker loads of natural gas to minus 160 degrees Celsius to make one load of LNG. The extraction, cooling, shipping, reheating and distribution of LNG can result in green house gas emissions 40% higher than conventional gas. Some studies done in the US suggest that if we look at the whole picture in some cases LNG comes out dirtier than some coal. There are good solid, workable alternatives to burning LNG to generate electricity. I'll go into more detail next time.

**Chuck Childress**, Tan Chairperson



**Our boys from Alberta found this deserted island between the mainland and Vancouver Island that already has a pipeline going south and looks ripe for an LNG power plant! ....And they say the residents ain't too smart either!**