



# *Keepers of the Water* II - RESOLUTION -

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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, commit our support to work in solidarity to protect and restore the ecological integrity and environmental health of the Arctic Ocean Drainage Basin watersheds.

As stewards of the many diverse and significant tributaries of our great Arctic Ocean Drainage Basin, we acknowledge that water is sacred.

## WE RESOLVE THAT:

- Clean water is a fundamental human right, and is essential for environmental, community and human health.
- The Site C dam is an unacceptable proposal because it would:
  - Forever negatively impact First Nations residents in the region, and destroy their use of the Peace Valley,
  - Flood significant portions of the Peace Valley, including rare class 1 and class 2 lands, and threaten the area's ecological integrity,
  - Cause downstream impacts to water quality and flow, and
  - Fragment wildlife habitat, impede wildlife movement and sever a vital link in the Yellowstone to Yukon landscape.
- We are concerned about the state of water across our country and around the globe. We support the development of a grassroots watershed plan for the Arctic Ocean Drainage Basin, bringing together First Nations, local citizens and community groups.
- Excessive misuse of the Arctic Ocean Drainage Basin - tar sands, oil and gas development, deforestation/ unsustainable logging, nuclear plants, coal and hydroelectricity, etc., among other threats - is resulting in unsustainable industrial development with cumulative impacts. It is time to change this.
- We are committed to building a coalition of Keepers of the Water, and creating our own Keepers groups - Keepers of the Peace, Slave, Athabasca, Liard, Hay, and Mackenzie - all the tributaries of the Arctic Ocean Drainage Basin. It is our hope that this will feed into a Canada-wide Keepers of the Water alliance.

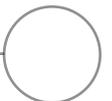


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