

NORWEGIAN GRANDPARENTS PROTEST STATOIL'S TAR SANDS PROJECT IN ALBERTA

We, a network of concerned grandparents in Norway, want Canadian citizens to know that the environmental movement in Norway is unanimous in its condemnation of the ongoing tar sands extraction in Alberta.

The project plans will have a devastating impact on wildlife, water and boreal forests as well as on indigenous communities. Not least do we deplore the effects that the production methods will have on the global climate – methods that are many times more carbon-intensive than those used in production of conventional oil, thus increasingly jeopardizing a sustainable future for today's young people. It is still feasible to stabilize the climate, but only if we leave the tar sands in the ground.

As Norwegian citizens, we deeply regret that Norway's 67% state-owned company, Statoil, is part of this dirty and dangerous project. The Norwegian environmental movement has therefore demanded that the Parliament and Government must instruct Statoil to withdraw from the tar sands exploitation in Alberta, a demand that is being supported by a growing number of political parties, organizations and citizens.

We, the Grandparents' Climate Action of Norway, will stand firmly on these demands and have adopted this position because it is inseparable from the struggle for our common future and the prosperity and safety of our grandchildren.

The Grandparents' Climate Action (Besteforeldreaksjonen) has the support of 2.000 grandparents, representing a broad spectrum of the Norwegian society, such as former politicians, bishops, scientists, authors and judges. The GCA is associated to the Norwegian environmental organization Framtiden i våre hender.

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