



Indigenous peoples have the right to protect their traditions and cultures

The planned Site C dam in northeastern British Columbia is one of the largest resource development projects currently planned anywhere in Canada. There is no dispute that construction of the dam, and the flooding of an 80 kilometre long stretch of the banks and floor of the Peace River Valley, will have a severe impact on the First Nations and Métis families and communities who depend on this unique ecosystem.

In fact, a joint federal-provincial environmental assessment concluded that the dam would cause permanent, irreversible harm to the ability of First Nations and Métis peoples in the region to practice their cultures and traditions, would make fishing unsafe for at least a generation, and would submerge burial grounds and other crucial cultural and historical sites.

The construction of the Site C dam is particularly alarming because large-scale resource development activity, including logging and oil and gas development, has already severely the available lands on which Indigenous peoples in the region can practice their cultures and traditions. “We said no to the destruction of that valley. It’s the last chunk of valley that we have and it’s vitally important,” says Chief Roland Willson, West Moberly First Nation.

BC Hydro has already begun construction of the Site C dam, including clear-cutting large areas of the valley floor in preparation for eventual flooding, even though legal challenges by First Nations are still before the courts.

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