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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The Editor
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Editor:

I am writing to correct some misinformation regarding SE2 and the proposed sale of privately-owned Terasen Gas (Brian Downey, SE2 will go ahead after Terasen sale, Aug. 27).

The sale of Terasen would have no bearing on this government's position on SE2. We have made a commitment to oppose SE2 and will continue to do that at every turn, whether it is at the National Energy Board (NEB), in Washington State or in the Canadian courts. At this time we remain focused on fighting the SE2 appeal at the Federal Court this fall.

The Province has retained the same legal counsel that successfully represented us in the past, including at the NEB. We have done this in partnership with the City of Abbotsford and the Fraser Valley Regional District. We have also retained additional assistance by way of an experienced appeals lawyer from the Ministry of Attorney General.

As the MLA for Chilliwack-Kent, I have worked with other BC Liberal MLAs from Day 1 to protect the health and environment of my constituents from SE2. Now, as Minister of Environment, I am doubly committed to seeing that SE2 never be built.

The Province has spent more than \$1.25 million fighting this power plant and we have no intention of stopping now.

Sincerely,
Barry Penner
Minister of Environment