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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 from former provincial election candidate Brian Downey regarding the proposed Sumas Energy 2 project.

Our government has made a commitment to oppose SE2 and will continue to do so 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 in the Federal Court of Appeal, which will commence in November. The proposed sale of Terasen Gas has no bearing on our position on SE2.

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 Fraser Valley Regional District and the City of Abbotsford. We will also have the help of an experienced appeals lawyer from the Ministry of Attorney General.

I have worked with other BC Liberal MLAs from Day 1 to protect the health and environment of my constituents from SE2 as the MLA for Chilliwack-Kent. Now, as B.C.'s Minister of Environment, I am committed more than ever to seeing that SE2 is never 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