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Re: Longview EIS Scoping

Dear Sirs:

Vancouver's Downtown Association is a nonprofit whose laser focus is on the vitality of our city's downtown core. We have advocated for the things that would make our downtown stronger. We have opposed the things that would make it harder to live, work and invest in our downtown. Our core mission is to do those things that will help our city center become an even stronger economic driver in our region. We have been watching the issue of coal exports for some time. As a board, we have taken no formal position.

What we HAVE done, however, is urge decision makers to be very careful about gathering system wide information about the impacts that this project would cause. We understand that the current topic is whether or not Longview is a suitable place for a bulk terminal. What cannot be separated from that decision is the impact the project will have on cities and land all along the route. So, no one decision can be made in isolation.

There are those who are pushing for a quick decision. What we would urge you to do is to be slow and careful, thorough and deliberate. We continue to urge you to press for those bigger picture answers.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

On behalf of VDA's Board of Directors

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