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Secretary to the Joint Review Panel Enbridge Northern Gateway Project 444 - Seventh Avenue S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2P 0X8

Attention: Ms. Sheri Young

Dear Sirs and Madam:

Re: Comments on Notices of Motion filed by Coastal First Nations March 21 and April 2, 2013 and BC Nature April 2, 2013

I am writing in support of the Motions filed by Coast First Nations (CFN) requesting the removal of material by Mr. John Carruthers in relation to the Harper Government's recent announcements in regard to tanker traffic on the BC Coast. I was alarmed to see no less than the Department of Justice, file propaganda material including a press release to "inform" the JRP and alerted the Process Advisory Team about it. The material was removed from the record 24 hours later but this did not prevent Mr. Carruthers of Enbridge from quoting it in his replies. I agree that references to the removed material should also be removed from the record.

I also support the removal of Mr. Cowdell's testimony identified in the Motion related to the letter from the Pacific Pilotage Authority which the JRP had ruled could not be considered as evidence.

I further support BC Nature's Notice of Motion seeking Procedural Direction for cross-examination. I would like to also see brought forward a clearer definition of what an "expert" witness is and the conditions required for disqualification. In the case of Mr. Dennis Yee, he swore I believe, 3 times on his evidence and CV, and only after questioning did he admit that his CV contained an error (a 1996 publication written "in press" which he never bothered to erase after he learnt it was never published). He never offered an erratum, although this issue had been mentioned to him prior to at least two of his "swearing" on the accuracy of his resume.

For the non-legally literate public I am, it has been difficult to see the "tribunal" aspect of the "quasi" tribunal the JRP is suppoed to be. I look forward to see the Panel make changes so it will become clearer.

Respectfully submitted