

An open letter to the Government of Canada from more than 70 conservation, climate, and health groups representing hundreds of thousands of supporters in Canada.

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The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Natural Resources Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON

Re: Report and Reduce GHG Emissions from Logging

Dear Ministers,

As environmental and health groups representing hundreds of thousands of Canadians, we are writing to express concern about the lack of government transparency regarding greenhouse gas emissions from logging, which have recently been reported as being on par with emissions from oil sands production¹.

At present, your government does not clearly report logging emissions in your annual GHG inventory. This is in contrast to other large economic sectors, whose emissions are clearly reported.

Currently, logging emissions in Canada can only be determined by piecing together data from various government reports and tables, and by requesting data from government officials.

In addition, your government has no clear plan for reducing GHG emissions from logging. In fact, your government exempts logging-related emissions from Canada's Output-Based Pricing System (OBPS), effectively subsidizing the clear-cutting of forests.

Canada will not meet its 2030 climate and nature commitments unless all economic sectors take action to reduce GHG emissions.

1. Jennifer Skene and Michael Polanyi (2022). [Lost in the Woods: Canada's Hidden Logging Emissions are Equivalent to Those From Oil Sands Operations](#). Matthew Bramley and Graham Saul (2022). [What are the Net Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Logging in Canada?](#)

We call on you to:

1. Clearly and transparently report GHG emissions from logging in upcoming climate reports;
2. Develop a strategy to reduce logging emissions and better protect primary and old-growth forests;
3. Improve Canada's forest carbon accounting practices to ensure that the full climate impacts of logging are accurately measured and reported in alignment with IPCC Guidelines.

Actions to report and reduce logging emissions and advance forest protection should be carried out in full alignment with Indigenous rights and title.

Thank you for considering and responding to our concerns.

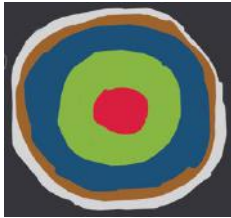
Sincerely,



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Alberta Wilderness Association	Conservation Council of New Brunswick
Ancient Forest Exploration & Research	Cowichan Climate Hub
BC Climate Alliance	CPAWS Yukon
BC Spaces for Nature	David Suzuki Foundation
Bert Miller Nature Club	Doctors and Nurses for Planetary Health- Kootenay Boundary
Bird Friendly City Regina	Doctors for Planetary Health - West Coast
Burke Mountain Naturalists	Echo Ecological Enterprises LTD
Burlington Green	Ecotrust Canada
Canadian Association of Nurses of the Environment	EK Climate Hub
Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment	Environmental Defence Canada
Canadian Environmental Law Association	FLAP Canada
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Nova Scotia Chapter	For Peat's Sake - Protecting Northern Saskatchewan Muskegs
Canadian Public Health Association	Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society
Chemainus Climate Solutions	Georgia Strait Alliance
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation	Grand(m)others Act to Save the Planet (GASP)
Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada	Greater Victoria Climate Hub
Climate Action for Lifelong Learners	KAIROS - Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives
Climate Action London	KAIROS Guelph
Climate Action Network - Réseau action climat Canada	Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy
Community Forests International	Le Centre Oblat: A Voice for Justice
Comox Valley Nature	London Environmental Network
	Mount Work Coalition

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Natural Resources Defense Council	Sierra Club Canada Foundation
Nature Canada	Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition
Nature Nova Scotia	Société pour la nature et les parcs (SNAP Québec)
Nature Saskatchewan	South Peel Naturalists' Club
Naturopathic Doctors for Environmental and Social Trust	Stand.earth
Nurses And Doctors for Planetary Health- Victoria	Target Climate
Ocean Park Beautification Committee	The Climate Reality Project Canada
Office for Systemic Justice, Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada	The Third Signatory
One Cowichan	Toronto 350
Pender Harbour Wildlife Society	Trees Please Winnipeg
Protect Our Winters Canada	Victoria Climate Action Team
Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario	Water Watchers
Saugeen Nature	West Kootenay Climate Hub
Sea Smart	Wilderness Committee
	Wildsight Creston Valley Branch