



Issue Summary Report

8.26. Bill C-69 Impact Assessment

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Meeting : November 13, 2018 Council Meeting

Meeting Date : 2018/11/13 10:00

Meeting Type : Council Meeting

Background

Carrie Baumgardner, Stakeholder Relations Advisor, Heavy Oil Operations with CNRL, has expressed the following concerns which the oil and natural gas sector has regarding Bill C-69 Impact Assessment Act.

- The proposed changes to the National Energy Board Act and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act contained in Bill C-69 will make the regulatory process more complicated, time consuming, legally vulnerable and, ultimately, erode public and investor confidence. Bill C-69, in its current form, will have significant negative effects on industry, communities, and families across the country, creating a significant barrier to future investment and putting jobs at risk.

They believe that in order to make investment decisions that create jobs and prosperity for all Canadians, businesses and investors require a federal regulatory process that reviews oil and natural gas projects in a clear, efficient, and timely manner. They want the Canadian government to pause and review Bill C-69 to get it right before passing it into legislation. Across the country, Canadians who are concerned with the Bill in its current form are speaking up – including a [resolution unanimously \(100% approval\) passed by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce](#) to suspend and clarify Bill C-69 (see resolution 01.).

They are asking that the County consider sending a letter to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna; and Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources Senator Rosa Galvez, encouraging better consideration of industry and stakeholder concerns and urging the government to pause and review Bill C-69 to get it right before passing it into legislation. A copy of CAPP's industry concerns and suggested amendments to Bill C-69 are attached.

Energy Citizens has initiated a letter writing campaign to ask members of the Canadian Senate to slow down on Bill C-69. The letter can be viewed at www.energycitizens.ca.

Recommendation

Administration is recommending to send a letter encouraging better consideration of industry and stakeholder concerns and urging the government to pause and review Bill C-69 before passing it into legislation.

Additional Information

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