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We are your neighbours. We are here because we are concerned about the environmental impacts this project will have on the province and our future. If the above reasons don't move you to action, consider that **Alton Gas Storage will add to out of control global warming and should not move ahead.**

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