



## CANADA INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE PEACE RIVER

**The Canadian government is breaking a 100-year-old promise, as they are initiating a massive hydro-electric dam that risks destroying lands vital to indigenous peoples.**

It's been over 100 years since Helen Knott's great-great grandfather signed a treaty with the government of Canada to protect his people's way of life. Instead of honouring that promise, the government has authorized a massive hydro-electric dam that threatens indigenous cultures and ways of life in the Peace River Valley, British Columbia.

Indigenous peoples in the region have already lost much of their land to oil and gas drilling. If the multi-billion dollar Site C dam goes ahead, they will lose one of the last areas where they still hunt, fish and carry out sacred ceremonies.



The government approved the dam, despite finding that it would cause permanent harm to Indigenous peoples in the area.

Now, indigenous peoples from the West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations have gone to court, insisting that the Canadian government stand by the treaty promise made over a century ago, and stop building Site C. The court case has yet to be decided, but the hydroelectric company has begun clearing the valley anyway.

“This is my home. This is where I want to raise my children and my grandchildren,” says Helen Knott.

## **TELL CANADA TO HALT THE SITE C DAM**

### **Write to the Prime Minister of Canada**

Urge him to halt the Site C dam, and honour Canada’s obligation to respect and protect the rights of Indigenous peoples in the Peace River Valley.

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### **Stand by the Indigenous peoples of the Peace River**

Send a photograph of yourself with a solidarity message for them to show you support.

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