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Washington State must reject this proposal that would build and operate the world's largest fracked gas-to-methanol refinery in Kalama.

I have lived here my whole life as a 4th generation Washingtonian. I grew up camping and exploring the mountains, rivers and ocean. I've been increasingly concerned about the accelerating speed of climate change. I've read a great deal about the overall effects of fracked gas in its whole lifecycle, from drilling, damaging groundwater and polluting aquifers, and causing earthquakes (particularly in Oklahoma). Fracking causes huge releases of methane both at the well sites and throughout its transportation lifecycle, through pipelines or by truck or train. The potential for explosions and spills in the communities it passes through, and is stored in, is too great a risk. This project uses fracked gas, and we need to turn from fossil fuels to creating more truly clean energy to reduce greenhouse gasses which are severely damaging our atmosphere and earth systems.

If this plant were approved, it would necessitate expanding the capacity of pipelines to the refinery, while we are committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, instead. This is a Chinese-owned company, which wants US to bear all the suffering from the pollution and dangers, while using OUR resources of water and electricity (and fracked gas) for their methanol, to be shipped back to China. This is like a sad cartoon: 'What's wrong with this picture?'

Washington State has committed to cutting our fossil-fuel emissions, so we must stop this project NOW, to protect our lives and health and the future of our beautiful natural world for all of its precious living creatures.

I'm fighting to protect what is sacred and beautiful. We need to keep our communities safe and healthy. We have to take a stand against fossil fuels now, and reject this project entirely, once and for all.