

# Olga Levaniouk

My name is Olga Luvanyoc. I live in Seattle and have lived here for 20 years now. I'm calling on the Department of Ecology to reject the methanol refinery. I think that to go forward with this project now at the moment we're in, is very short term thinking. I suspect that it will not make sense even economically never mind environmentally in the long run. I see the logic of the replacement theory, and I think it would have made sense 40 years ago, but not now, not any longer.

When I left the Soviet Union several years ago, I was hoping that should I ever have children, they would have a safer future in this country- than in my native land. Now, my son is a teenager and I see the future of all the kids of his generation being destroyed by the climate disaster we are already living through. They need less pollution, not more. The kids know it, they know who is doing it and where it is happening. This state and this region is facing a moment of truth. What kind of region will it be?

Will we be amongst the innovators, places that search for ways to mitigate the effect of climate disaster and leave without, destroying the ecosystem we depend on? Or will we continue to embrace fossil fuels, until the fossil economy collapses and we go down with it. I don't think you'll will get to a livable future by saying, let us pollute because if we don't someone else will and they might pollute even more. This is not an environmental win, this reasoning is a way to keep polluting forever, because there will always be someone else doing it.

We do not know what China will do. We do not know how much plastic will be produced. Let us focus on what can be done here. I don't think it will serve Washington well to be known as the region of hypocrisy. Whereas the Governor campaigns on climate, even those department of ecology, approves a new massive source of greenhouse emissions. Above all, it will not serve as well to feed the pollution equivalent to more than a million cars per year into the air. This project will not be for the benefit of the people of the State and the people everywhere.

>> Thank you Olga, If you have any additional comments, we'll ask you to submit those in writing to us and I'll go over that information at the end of the hearing.