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Can you hear me? My name is Richard Voget and I am a life long resident of Washington State. I feel that it's immoral to enable preventable time of death. The IPCC says that to limit warming to 1.5 degrees centigrade, climate emissions must fall by about 45% by 2030. That is reducing emissions yet your report states that the project would increase carbon pollution by 4.6 million tons each year for its 40 year life cycle.

You are the Department of Ecology, your own goal is achieving Washington's climate goals, not undermining them by allowing more climate pollution. The voluntary mitigation framework is too vague for Ecology to conclude that 100% of the project's in state emission in the [inaudible] will be mitigated. You just admitted in this morning's presentation with half of the projects emissions that are from British Columbia and China will not be mitigated.

Severe conditions will warm the atmosphere, dry out the forests, lead to bigger wildfires and fill Western Washington with smoke from unhealthy air quality as well as create hotter and longer heat waves. Mitigation can [inaudible] over a long period of time. 4.6 million tons of pollution today can be mitigated on paper by planting enough trees, but it will take 40 years for the trees to be able to [inaudible] emissions will increase in the short term and if climate change isn't addressed in the short-term, one of those is going to become irreversible.

If emissions don't fall by 45% by 2030. Don't allow more climate pollution which will cause hotter and longer heat waves. Do enable the [inaudible] to die in heat waves. People's--