TransCanada's Energy East pipeline plan: Our Risk, Their Reward





350 Ottawa

- Volunteer driven grass roots organization part of a global climate movement
- Enabling residents of Ottawa to hold our leaders accountable to the realities of science and the principles of justice
- The parent organization is 350.org



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• The number 350 means climate safety: to preserve a livable planet, scientists tell us we must reduce the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere from its current level of 400 parts per million to below 350 ppm



Our Position – No Energy East Pipeline

- Increased capacity to transport means further expansion (40%) of the tar sands further eroding our ability to combat climate change
- Pembina Institute estimates 30-32 Mt CO2 per year
- An oil spill (a matter of when not if) will have devastating impact to our environment and take millions of dollars to clean up
- Not a "nation building" project. No social contract.
- Primarily for export of fossil fuels from Tar Sands with few direct benefits to Canadians and Ontarians



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- Will boost Canada's total carbon emissions at a time when government must announce emissions reduction targets for Paris2015
- Lock-in and Stranded Assets
- Transition to Low-Carbon and Clean Energy future
- Moral imperative need a vision of the future that includes clean air, fresh water and a green economy
- The question is not How? The question is Why?