

# “Fracking” practice is vile and disturbing

Thanks for publicizing the dire ecological and social plight of northeastern B.C. in your feature piece [Georgia Straight, “[A lucrative dirty secret](#)”, January 28–February 4]. In its short 14-year life, the B.C. Tap Water Alliance has fought to protect the sanctity of public drinking-water sources, encountering strong provincial-government resistance, at times even from B.C. public-health inspectors (*the Drinking Water Protection Act*). The massive injection of secret poisonous compounds into the holy halls and labyrinths of underground water systems, the source of domestic well waters—now that takes the cake.

After silencing and removing government scientists and environmental and social guardians, while removing and streamlining environmental laws and regulations since 2001, our elected government now permits corporations to steal our water and then poison it to process “green” energy. What is occurring up north is utterly vile, disturbing, and evil—a tar-sands partner megadisaster.

In June 2008, Environment Minister Barry Penner announced at Musqueam Park the release of his ministry’s 2012 water plan, *Living Water Smart*. Sadly, the North is a prominent blemish on Penner’s promises. B.C.’s electorate must call upon our government to immediately halt all natural-gas exploration that would both steal and poison our freshwater systems, to thoroughly investigate the matter through public hearing, and to demand, through the courts, that the industry reveal the chemical secrets behind these toxic injections. Stop this ungodly mother-fracking hydro-fucking.

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