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Subject: I do NOT support oil and gas exploration occurring within Sable Island National Park Reserve.
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Dear Minister McKenna,

I do NOT support oil and gas exploration occurring within Sable Island National Park Reserve.

Not only is Sable Island a totally unique ecological environment, which demands protection, it is also within one of the stormiest and most dangerous parts of the North Atlantic. So many ships have foundered there over the centuries that it's known as the "Graveyard of the Atlantic".

Running oil/gas operations in that area creates a situation where an oil-based disaster (like the 1982 Ocean Ranger sinking) simply becomes a matter of time. I understand that exploration is not the same as development. Nevertheless, the current mindset in our society is that there is enormous pressure to develop ANY discovery.

This is no longer the time to be assigning our limited resources to the oil/gas sector. It's time is rapidly passing. It's time to develop alternatives to soften the coming harsh transition from an oil-based economy to a sustainable one. We need to follow the examples of countries like Norway which have wisely used their oil wealth to transition away from oil. Even Saudi Arabia has seen the writing on the wall and is taking that path.

Thank you for your attention.

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cc: Premier Stephen McNeil

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