

To: Clean Environment Commission (CEC)

Re: Keeyask Hydroelectric Project

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Tansi, nina oma Mary Verna Ross. I'm seventeen years old, I'm in grade 12 and I attend school at Otter Nelson River School. I'm from a reserve called Cross Lake, Manitoba. I am writing this letter because I'm concerned about the Keeyask Generating Station that will be built 725 km northeast of Winnipeg on the lower Nelson River. According to Manitoba Hydro, it will be the fourth largest of the current generating stations, with a nominal capacity of 695 megawatts. My reason for writing this letter is how do you think it will help improve? Not just for financial/electrical/employment reasons, but as for the whole community itself and its surroundings. You got to look at it from both views, yours and theirs. You are no greater, and they are no lesser. Will the near community be affected from the dam and if so, will you take the responsibility and be involved if the community is affected regarding the dam you're trying to build? I'm saying this because my community is harmed due to Manitoba's Hydro Dam. Water levels kept rising up in our community and sometimes it got so out of hand that it flooded areas of Cross Lake. It threatened our people's safety. Imagine if someone was seriously ill, and needed to be rushed to the hospital immediately but there was no transportation to the Nursing Station because of they lived nearby the flooded area. Would you be scared if it was one of your own family members? I bet. Due to this issue, the roads became difficult to drive on. Damaging our vehicles that most pay hundreds on monthly and having a flat tire because our road conditions are very unstable. Dams could affect the nearest communities in so many harmful ways, and it's usually the people who have to help and rebuild it. Do you still think this is a good idea? Causing a problem that you could help prevent.