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Ms. Yvonne Anderson
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Dear Ms. Anderson:

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After considering the Panel's Report and consulting with expert federal departments, I have determined that additional information is required from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to inform my decision on whether the Project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. The Panel's report was comprehensive; however, there are areas where the Panel was unable to reach a conclusion. In other areas the Panel found that mitigation measures proposed by the Port Authority were insufficient or uncertain.

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This information request pauses the federal timeline for decision-making. The information request is available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (available here <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/135827?culture=en->).

Once I am satisfied the requested information has been provided, the federal timeline will resume. The Port Authority's responses to the information request will be posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) will then host a public comment period and seek input on the Port Authority's responses. Additionally, the Agency will post online the draft potential conditions—a document outlining conditions that the proponent must comply with to move forward with the Project. The public will be invited to submit comments on this document as well.

The next step will be for me to make my decisions on the significance of effects under CEAA 2012. My decisions will be based on science, facts and evidence, informed by meaningful Indigenous consultation.

If I find that significant adverse environmental effects are likely, Cabinet would then decide whether to approve the Project. In addition to the environmental effects, this approval may take into consideration such things as the potential negative and positive economic, social, and health effects.

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I appreciate you taking the time to write. By reviewing a broad set of information—including feedback like yours—I can make an informed decision about whether the Project should move forward, and if so, under what conditions.

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