Rationale for the Careful Consideration of the UVic ELC and Too Close to Home Request Concerning the WCO project

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Who we are…

We believe in the right to **Open Consultation**

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Projects in **Our Environment**

- All human activity impacts the environment.
- Resource Development Projects are typically assumed to be “bad” projects.
- Renewable energy, emissions reduction or clean tech projects are typically assumed to be “good” projects.

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Understanding the Role of **Resource Projects** in Our Communities is **KEY**

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There are opportunities for improvement with the **Current Energy Transition Plans**

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All industry including the Petrochemical Industry will continue to **Expand**

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Do we **Lead** or do we **Hide?**

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What does this mean for BC?

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Preventing industry development will have **Consequences**

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We must focus on getting to **YES**

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YES = Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

- FDI brings higher productivity, enhances skill sets, and knowledge/technology transfer from investments in domestic projects

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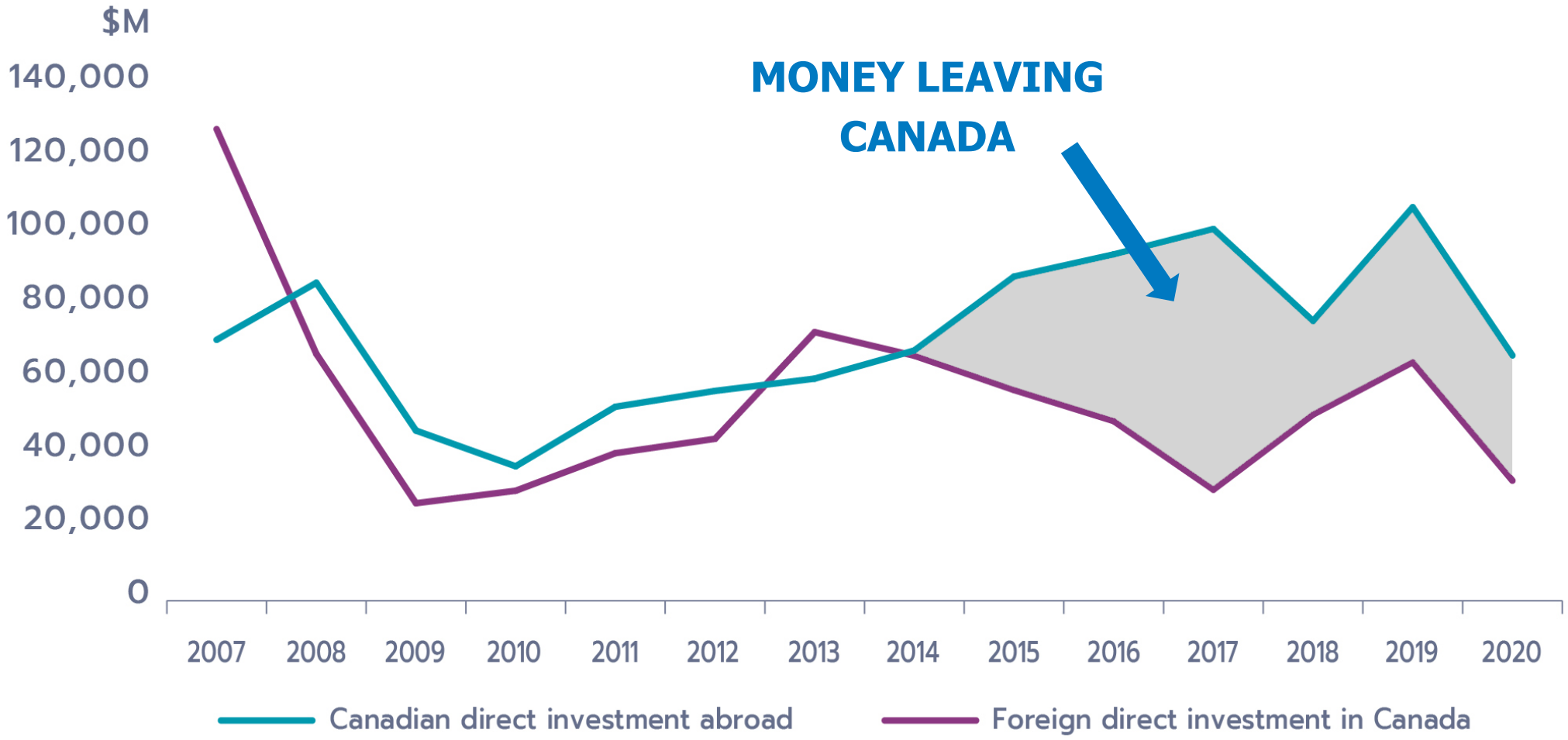
FIGURE 1.6

Canadian flows of foreign direct investment



Source: Statistics Canada, Table 36-10-0025-01, retrieved May 31, 2021.

We must stop

The Bleed

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Completion Risk is to be managed by the EA and NOT **Pressure Groups**

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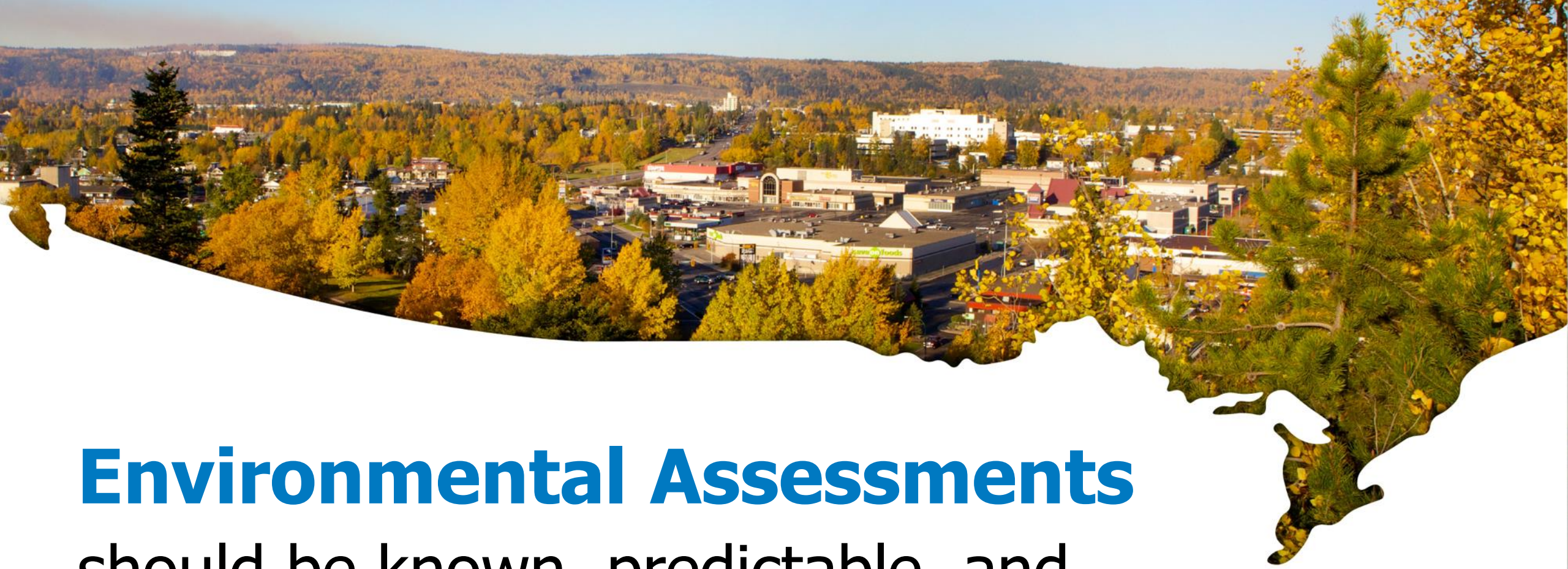

Environmental Assessments

should be known, predictable, and continually improving

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In Conclusion

- Encourage Council to remain focused on their jurisdiction and informed on community perspectives.
- Get the balance right for the future of British Columbia, particularly the northern region.
- Pressure groups have the right to register their objections to proposed projects through the current EA process.
- All levels of government, including Indigenous Nations, should decide the future of projects.
- Cumulative impacts are already accounted for in the EA process.

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It isn't true that facts never change minds, they just don't change minds that are already made up. If you see your ideas as identities to defend, you twist and resist data to rationalize your views. If you treat ideas as hunches to test, you embrace data to update your view.

– Adam Grant, Organizational Psychologist.

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Any Questions?

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