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Position Against the Gazoduc/GNL Project

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WHEREAS the GNL Quebec project, the biggest industrial project in the province's history, includes, amongst other things, the construction of a 782 Km long gas pipeline from northeastern Ontario to Saguenay, a natural gas liquefaction plant at the Saguenay port and the transport of gas internationally by 300-meter long GNL tankers:

WHEREAS there will be an <u>additional 400 passages</u> of super-GNL tankers per year in the Saguenay Fjord Marine Park, affecting the <u>less than 900 remaining belugas</u> and many other endangered marine species;

WHEREAS the GNL project would generate 50 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year, 60 % of Quebec's annual greenhouse gas emissions or the emissions of 10 million new cars on Quebec's roads each year;

WHEREAS the production of natural gas in western Canada for the GNL-Quebec project would cancel all the greenhouse gas reduction efforts in Quebec made since 1990 and would prevent the complete and necessary transition to renewable energy;

WHEREAS as youth, it's understood that a rapid transition away from fossil fuels is necessary to ensure a liveable planet for us and for generations to come;

WHEREAS our government has continued to stress that during this pandemic, we must listen to the science and respect safety measures, but in endorsing this project, it's ignoring the clear science put forward by experts on marine life and the climate crisis;

WHEREAS 300 000 students across Quebec are already positioned against the project, represented by 48 student associations, 16 of which are CEGEPS, alongside 40 economists, 127 academics, 150 scientists and 250 doctors and health professionals, making it the biggest student mobilization since the 2012 strikes;

WHEREAS, being Quebec's largest CEGEP, Dawson plays an important role in this mobilization;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dawson Student Union positions itself against GNL Québec, its Gazoduc company and its Énergie Saguenay project.