

Public Presentation – Terrace Campus

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Can Large Resource Developments Contribute to Sustainability in First Nations Communities?

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Several liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal projects have been proposed in northwest B.C. These large developments are similar to mining developments in resource-dependent towns, where communities experience boom and bust dynamics associated with both benefits and impacts occurring during different project phases. Indigenous peoples are particularly vulnerable to large resource-development projects, as many are in poverty and their education and employment rates are lower than non-indigenous populations. The purpose of this study is to investigate how benefits from large resource developments can be enhanced so that indigenous communities can sustainably develop and improve their overall standard of living.



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