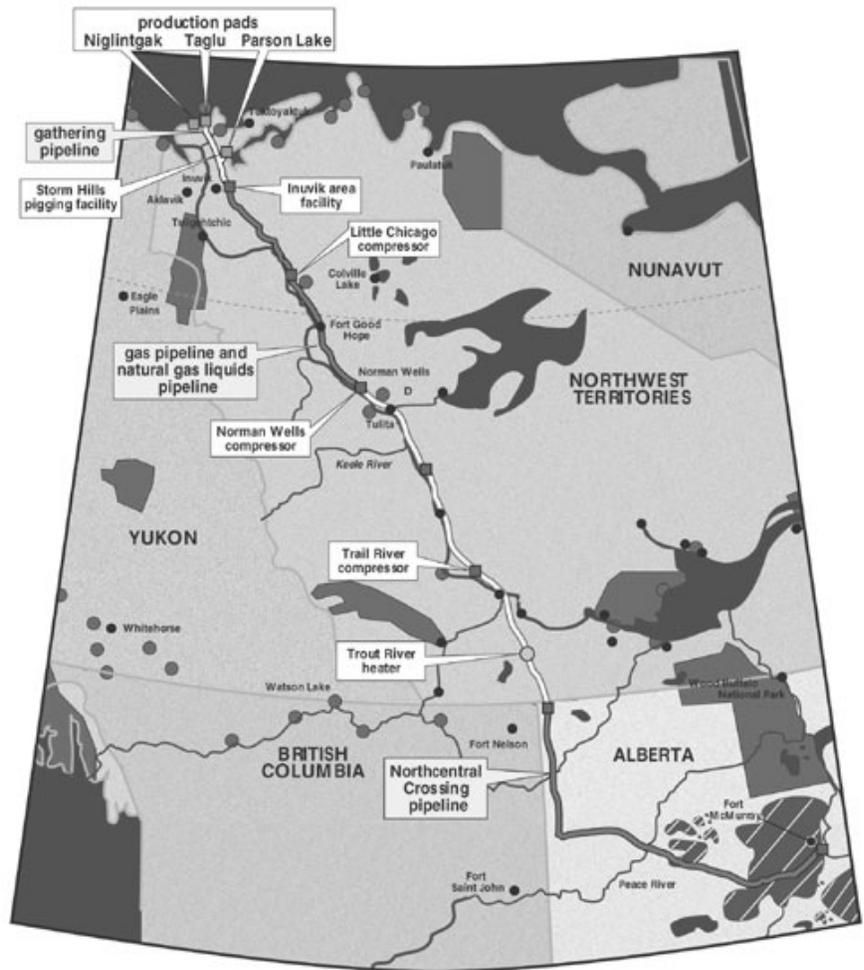
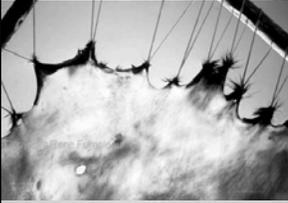


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Will the NWT be better off with the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project (MGP)?



Some ideas from an independent study



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The Alternatives North study asked questions about the long-term benefits and costs of the proposed MGP

- 1) What long-term, sustainable benefits does the proposed MGP provide for the NWT?
- 2) What factors affect the sustainability of the proposed MGP? How?
- 3) Are there other ways to develop oil and gas, and get more sustainable benefits for northerners?

Many inter-connected factors affect sustainability

Context	Labour conditions, cost of construction materials and where they come from, world prices and demand for gas, who owns and controls things.
Pace & Scale	The speed that development happens. Other oil and gas development that results from the pipeline. How much land goes to development.
Jobs & Economy	Jobs for northerners during development and after the gas is gone. Value-added industries it brings; effects on a long-term, diverse economy.
Resource Revenue	The money that territorial, Aboriginal, or federal governments get. The agreements they sign to share revenue; how they use the money.
Energy Policy	Climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, sources of energy for the north, who controls the sources, how much northerners pay for energy.

Oil and gas development should contribute to a more diverse economy, including more renewable industries; social and regional equity; and long-term jobs for all regions and future generations.



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NO sustainable benefits from the proposed MGP



Context	Multi-national corporations in control. Shortage of and high cost for workers and materials. World market pressure to develop gas.
Pace & Scale	Pressure to explore and develop many more gas fields to feed the pipeline. Take out all the gas as quickly as possible. Boom and bust.
Jobs & Economy	Most workers come from outside the NWT. No commitment for secondary or value-added industries.
Resource Revenue	Resource rents low. Aboriginal and territorial governments get no resource revenue. No heritage fund for future generations.
Energy Policy	Gas goes only to southern markets, not available for local use or to diversify the NWT economy. NWT greenhouse gas emissions double.

A development alternative with sustainable benefits



Context	Northerners in control. Wait until labour and materials are more available, at more stable prices. Gas still in the ground, stays valuable.
Pace & Scale	Proceed slowly. Take time to train northern workers that most need jobs, including women and Aboriginal people. Implement land use plans.
Jobs & Economy	Set specific targets for northern jobs. Guarantee secondary industries. Actively develop other industries and jobs for when gas development ends, for communities that need them most.
Resource Revenue	Review and increase resource rents. Sign agreements for a fair share to Aboriginal and territorial governments. Set up a heritage fund.
Energy Policy	Use gas in NWT communities and to support a diversified economy. Develop local renewable energy. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



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Talk to your government leaders Speak up at Joint Review Panel hearings

The Joint Review Panel wants to know: Will northerners be better or worse off if the Mackenzie Gas Project goes ahead as proposed?

- ? What people most need jobs?
Will they get jobs with the MGP?
- ? What governments should receive resource rents from NWT oil and gas? How much? What should they spend the money on?
- ? How can NWT communities own and have access to some of the gas? And reduce costs to heat our homes and produce electricity?
- ? What secondary or value-added industries will come to my community or region with the MGP, or after it?
- ? How can we make sure oil and gas development does not increase greenhouse gas emissions?
- ? What land and how much land should we give up for oil and gas development? Under what conditions?



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Alternatives North is a northern social justice coalition based in Yellowknife. The information in this summary comes from an independent study we did about the long-term impacts of the Mackenzie Gas Project (MGP).

The study looks at sustainability: Will the NWT be better or worse off in the long term if the proposed MGP goes ahead? We gave the study findings to the Joint Review Panel.

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