

## News Release

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**The Explorers and Producers Association of Canada (EPAC) comments on Kinder Morgan's announcement it will suspend all non-essential activity and spending on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project**

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The Explorers and Producers Association of Canada expresses our deep concern with the announcement by Kinder Morgan that it is suspending all non-essential activity and spending related to construction of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project.

This critical national project, approved by all relevant regulatory authorities and the Federal Government, has been allowed to be frustrated, harassed and blocked by the abject failure of the Federal Government to provide effective national leadership and government for all Canadians, particularly those in Provinces who need access to our national seaports to support their economies and their citizens.

Kinder Morgan's statement that it is unwilling to risk billions of dollars of its shareholders money without a clear path forward is yet another devastating critique of Canada's growing reputation as a state where the rule of law is not respected and enforced by national and subnational governments. Private sector investment is a key determinant of future economic prosperity yet Canada today ranks near the bottom of virtually all leading industrialized economies on this measure.

EPAC, on behalf of its 150 member companies, who invest billions of dollars each year in Canada, employ tens of thousands of Canadians and deliver one fifth of the nation's oil and natural gas supplies, calls on the Federal Government to step up to show true leadership and deliver on its constitutional responsibilities.

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