The Indigenous Environmental Network stands in solidarity with our Wet’suwet’en relatives as they protect their unceded territories from the invasion of the settler state of Canada and the agents of the fracked gas corporation, TC Energy. We condemn the actions of Canada as it inflicts violence against the Wet’suwet’en peoples, in particular, the Unist’ot’en (C’ihlts’ehkhyu / Big Frog Clan), who are the original Wet’suwet’en Yintah Wewat Zenli distinct to the lands of the Wet’suwet’en.

For time immemorial the Wet’suwet’en have asserted self-governance over their territories, they have signed no treaties and have never relinquished title to their lands. They are not part of so-called Canada and have not given consent to bear the burden of the world’s dependence on the extractive industry.

The Indigenous Environmental Network is inspired by the courage of the Wet’suwet’en and the Indigenous allies who are taking a stand across so-called Canada. In defense of the sacredness of Mother Earth and the protection of our inherent Indigenous rights, we echo the demands that the Canadian government stop the invasion of unwanted extractive industry on Wet’suwet’en lands. Reconciliation should begin with respecting Indigenous Peoples Rights and not at the end of a sniper’s rifle.

We will continue to support the Wet’suwet’en in their struggle and call on others to join us. From divesting in the banks funding Indigenous land grabs to disrupting business as usual there are steps we can all take to stand with our relatives.