

Dear Bankers, Our future is in your hands, what would you like it to look like?



Mining oil from tar sands requires churning up huge tracts of ancient boreal forest and polluting so much clean water with poisonous chemicals that the resulting waste ponds can be seen from outer space. The health impacts to Alberta's First Nation communities are severe, with cancer rates up in some communities as much as 400 times its usual frequency. On a global scale, oil extraction from the tar sands generates three times the CO₂ emissions as conventionally extracted oil, which will soon make Canada the biggest contributor to global warming.

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