

Canada's disputed oil sands pipelines

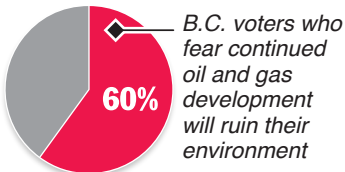
The Canadian government is coming under renewed pressure to cancel plans to build two huge oil pipelines across British Columbia

PROPOSED PIPELINES (\$11.1bn investment)



Oil sands thought to hold as much as **170 billion barrels**. Pipelines needed to pump bitumen (heavy oil) to west coast for export – mainly to China

OPPOSITION



Sep 2012: Environmental groups file lawsuit to stop pipeline projects, contending federal government has failed to perform adequate environmental impact studies

Chinese companies have collectively invested **\$36.3bn** in Canadian oil assets. Cancellation of pipelines would be devastating