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Greenpeace commends Alberta for apologizing for residential school abuse

22 June 2015 (Edmonton) – In response to Alberta Premier Rachel Notley's apology to Indigenous peoples for the decades of abuse they suffered at Canadian residential schools, Melina Laboucan-Massimo, a Lubicon Cree from northern Alberta and a Greenpeace climate campaigner said:

"We commend the Alberta government in supporting the call for a national inquiry into murdered and missing Indigenous women. Too many of our sisters, mothers, and friends have been lost with no explanation. Hopefully, the Alberta government lending its voice to the growing call for an inquiry will be what the Harper government needs to finally act on this pressing issue.

"We also commend the Alberta government for reasserting its commitment to adopting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and look forward to this commitment being integrated into Alberta law and policy. First Nations are the original caretakers of the land yet often take the brunt of the toxic effects of resource extraction. Adopting this declaration, a long-standing ask of many Indigenous nations, can hopefully re-establish the right of First Nations communities to determine the fate of their lands themselves."

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