

# Statement

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## **Obama's KXL veto shows Trudeau tar sands pipelines are a threat to climate**

**6 November 2015 - Edmonton** – In response to U.S. President Barack Obama's announcement that his government will not approve the Keystone XL pipeline, Mike Hudema, Climate and Energy campaigner with Greenpeace Canada said:

“President Obama just sent a message that Prime Minister Trudeau should heed – you can't be a climate leader while supporting tar sands pipelines. Public opposition to Energy East and other tar sands pipelines gets stronger by the day and any reasonable climate plan is doomed to failure if the booming emissions from the tar sands aren't reigned in.

“The prime minister needs to follow the president's lead and recognize that science demands and the public wants action on climate change and that can't be done while expanding the tar sands. Prime Minister Trudeau has a huge opportunity to lead the transition to diversify Canada's economy, reduce its emissions and lead the green transition. One hundred percent renewable is 100% possible. We hope we now have the government leadership to make it happen.”

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