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Customer vote – the results are in!



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This summer saw thousands of you take part in our Customer Vote. Later this year, £100,000 will be donated to support the work of three organisations working to challenge the expansion of toxic fuels.

£44,000

to **support native communities** and fund a legal challenge that will seek to halt tar sands developments.

£32,000

to **protect endangered species** and fund a study into the impact of tar sand developments on wildlife.

£24,000

to **inspire UK activism** and fund grassroots organisations to raise awareness of the environmental damage caused by tar sands.

Thank you to everyone who voted. Find out more at goodwithmoney.co.uk/vote

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Stop the expansion of toxic fuels – support the Beaver Lake Cree

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Stop the expansion of toxic fuels

Toxic Fuels, our campaign with WWF-UK, aims to combat the shocking global trend of extracting oil from unconventional sources, such as tar sands and shale oil.

Our main focus is on tar sand developments in Alberta, Canada. Extracting oil from tar sands emits on average three times more CO₂ than conventional oil production.

The size of Canada's tar sands reserves, and plans by oil companies to exploit them, represent a serious global threat. If fully exploited, these reserves alone could trigger 'runaway climate change'.

Tar sands also threaten local ecological disaster:

- vast areas of boreal forest are cleared – a globally important carbon store and wildlife habitat
- huge amounts of toxic waste accumulate in large lakes of toxic sludge, which leach into the wider environment
- ancestral lands of local indigenous communities are being destroyed by developments, threatening their traditional way of life.

You can see the destruction for yourself on our website.

Help us spread the word

We're reaching out to new audiences to spread the word about Toxic Fuels through social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter – find out how to help us at

goodwithmoney.co.uk/toxicfuels



Keep the pressure on the Government

Thousands of you have contacted your MP to call for greater transparency from oil companies about their carbon dioxide emissions. To date, over 180 MPs have signed our Early Day Motion.

Keep up the pressure at goodwithmoney.co.uk/toxicfuels

Support the Beaver Lake Cree

“Our responsibility to this land, our ancestors and our future generations cannot be surrendered or abandoned.”

Chief Al Lameman
Beaver Lake Cree Nation

The Beaver Lake Cree Nation is fighting the rapid expansion of tar sand developments.

This small indigenous community has seen its traditional lands degraded by large scale deforestation and the pollution arising from tar sand developments. As a result, the animals, fish, plants and medicines that sustain it are being destroyed.

Support and donate to the Beaver Lake Cree Nation

Join us to support the legal challenge to help stop toxic fuel expansions – visit goodwithmoney.co.uk/beaverlakecree

The Beaver Lake Cree Nation has therefore launched a legal challenge against the Canadian and Albertan governments to enforce recognition of their treaty rights and to protect their environment and traditional way of life. We view this legal challenge as perhaps the best chance we have to stop the reckless expansion of tar sands. To date we have donated over £80,000 to a charitable trust set up to support them, but more is needed.