

# Petition to Clean Up Abandoned & Derelict Vessels

We, the undersigned residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House of Commons to the following:

**WHEREAS** in many Canadian coastal communities, derelict and abandoned vessels have a negative impact on the natural aesthetics of their harbours, and where some pose a serious risks to the local environment;

**WHEREAS** while major environmental dangers from derelict and abandoned vessels should be dealt with swiftly by the Canadian Coast Guard, many unidentified vessels are left to simply rot away and leach chemicals into the surrounding environment

**AND WHEREAS** currently if an abandoned and derelict vessel is not proven to be a major environmental concern or posing an obstacle to navigation, there is usually no action taken;

**THEREFORE we call on the Government of Canada to support the NDP’s Bill C-219 - to obligate the government to act when derelict vessels are abandoned and strengthen regulations for their appropriate removal, disposition or destruction.**

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