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Stop Crown Land Sales

As Christians we are concerned with right relations with the Indigenous people of this province. We view the sale of Crown Lands as actively working against those right relations. Therefore, we request that Saskatchewan **immediately** stop selling crown lands.

Selling crown lands is in violation of Treaties that promise to share the land for mutual benefit.

Indigenous Peoples' inherent and Treaty rights to practice their culture and maintain their lifeways depend on access to a healthy and vibrant prairie ecosystem. Indigenous rights include, but are not limited to, hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, and practicing ceremony and culture. These rights are crucial to Indigenous food sovereignty, language revitalization, and sustaining Indigenous relationships and responsibilities to the land. As Treaty people, it is our duty to ensure that Indigenous rights are upheld, which can only be accomplished by nurturing the ecosystems and land base upon which these rights depend.

While requesting crown land not be sold, we remind the government that legally the government is required to give First Nations first right of refusal when selling land. This has not been happening and is against agreements signed by the province in the Treaty Land Entitlement Act.

This land belongs to all future generations. Every sale of Crown lands diminishes the Province's ability to fulfill its Treaty obligations, breaks faith with First Nations and aggravates already tense community relations. We join the growing number of organizations calling on the Government of Saskatchewan to immediately halt the sale of Crown land and implement the true spirit and intent of Treaty.

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