Fracking comes with environmental impacts.
If built, Sarita LNG and Malahat LNG could result in:

384 Extra wells drilled/year

16.9 million tonnes (Mt) of carbon pollution per year

7.9 million m^3 freshwater use per year
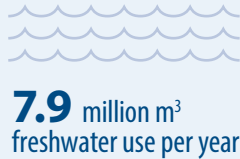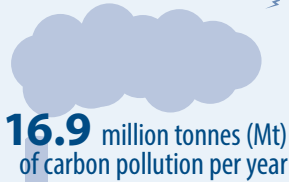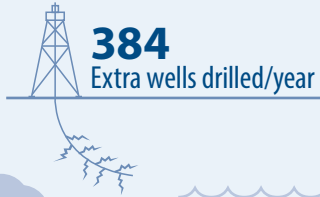
This is equivalent to:

3.5 million cars on the road

annual residential freshwater use of **86,160 Canadians**

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Malahat and Sarita LNG
Numbers behind the infographic

- Based on two LNG plants proposed by Steelhead LNG for Vancouver Island and their associated upstream development:

    - Malahat LNG with a capacity of 6 million tonnes of LNG per year (mtpa),
    - and Sarita LNG, with a capacity of 24 mtpa.

- Steelhead LNG technology choices and the resulting emissions intensity of the terminals is unknown as this point. We assume an average of two LNG plants proposed for B.C.'s northern coast: LNG Canada with an emissions intensity of 0.15 t-CO2e/t-LNG, and PNW LNG with a proposed emissions intensity of 0.255 t-CO2e/t-LNG. This gives an intensity of 0.2025 t-CO2e/t-LNG.

- Environmental impacts calculated for 2030 as the difference between a scenario with the two plants (30 million tonnes of LNG) and constant non-LNG demand, compared to a scenario with no LNG and constant non-LNG demand.

- Environmental impacts displayed are for 2030

- Assumes current technologies and practices for the purposes of determining carbon, water and wastewater environmental impacts (i.e. no new policies).

- The number of cars equivalent is based on annual emissions for a standard personal vehicle of 4.75 tonnes of CO2e.[1]

- The water use comparator is based on annual per capita residential water consumption of 91.615 m³/yr.[2]

- The global warming potential for methane is set at 34, to reflect the most recent findings by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC AR5).

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