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Environment and Climate Change - Track Record & Campaign Promises



Environmental protection and climate action, also fossil fuel development.

Pledged to ban single-use plastics as early as 2021.

Implemented carbon tax in 2019.

Signed the global Paris
Agreement to keep warming
to well below 2 °C, but
commitment to reduce GHG
emissions by 17% below
2005 levels by 2020, and by
30% by 2030 are the
targets of the former
Conservative government.

If re-elected, will aim for net-zero emissions by 2050 through setting legallybinding, five-year targets. Few details released.

Developed the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, a climate plan of measures to cut emissions, build adaptation and resilience, and promote clean technology and jobs.



Environmental protection and climate action through technology and market solutions.

Will repeal the carbon tax. Instead, will set emissions limits for companies and require companies who exceed the limit to invest in emissions-reducing technology.

In government, subsidized fossil fuels, funded pipelines, and expanded tar sands.

Will promote oil and gas production (e.g., speed up project approvals, repeal Bill C-69, which changed environmental impact assessment) and export of energy.

In government, reduced environmental protection, scaled back environmental impact assessment process, and limited ability of scientists to speak to media.

Will collaborate with Indigenous peoples to address climate change.

Will promote conservation (e.g., of species, protected areas, wetlands on private lands).



Environmental protection and climate action efforts with focus on equity.

Will enact reduction targets for GHG emissions to keep global warming to 1.5 °C and will continue carbon pricing, including household rebates.

Will focus on jobs in transitioning to low-carbon economy, creating more than 300,000 good jobs and protecting workers most impacted by changing economy (e.g., employment support and retraining).

Will invest in emissions-reducing infrastructure and will require building retrofits across sectors, beginning with social housing and government buildings—retrofitting all housing by 2050.

Will invest in Canadianmade renewable energy and clean technology, funding community-owned and -operated projects, and will change the decision process for energy projects, and work with Indigenous and northern communities.

Will achieve net carbon-free electricity by 2030, and 100% free by 2050.



Environmental protection and climate action as party's cornerstone issue.

Will invest in the green economy (e.g., renewable energy infrastructure, green technology, local food systems, and training programs for workers in transition).

Will cut GHG emissions by 60% below 2005 levels by 2030, and to zero by 2050.

Will end fossil fuel industry subsidies, promote divestment, phase out coalfired electricity, and implement and invest in a strategy to deliver renewable energy across the country.

Will ban foreign oil imports, using Alberta oil while moving to zero GHGs.

Will use carbon-pricing using fee and dividend system (model of the current federal plan).

Will assist sectors/communities to adapt to climate impacts, will offer tax credits for energy-efficient home renovations, and require retrofits for all buildings by 2030.





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