

MOVING ALBERTA
forward 



**RESPONSIBLE ENERGY
DEVELOPMENT**

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As one of the world's most energy-rich jurisdictions, Alberta has enjoyed the benefits of our oil and gas reserves and continues to be a global leader in not only energy extraction but the servicing and manufacturing sectors that support it.

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As with any development of natural resources, our energy sector leaves a footprint behind. Albertans and our global customers expect practical strategies to improve the quality of our air, water, and land, improved energy efficiency,

and lower greenhouse emissions. Albertans also expect reasonable power bills and they expect First Nations to be integral stakeholders how our resources are developed.

While insisting that industry make progress on all these fronts, we also need to remind ourselves, and the world, that the energy industry in Alberta is the most forward-looking, innovative, transparent, and ethical anyone can choose for their energy needs.

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POLICIES

GROWING ALBERTA'S ENERGY SECTOR

- » *Work with the federal government, other provinces and First Nations to create a National Resource Right-of-Way for future pipelines and other commercial activities, so that all Canadians can benefit from the growth of our energy and resource sectors*
- » Maintain Alberta's current royalty and tax regime for oil and gas
- » Commit to consulting extensively with industry and other affected stakeholders to ensure any newly proposed policies do not harm Alberta's investment climate
- » Diversify Alberta's energy export markets, particularly in Asia, by promoting investment and trade opportunities with interested governments
- » *Ensure the Alberta advantage extends to value-added industries so that investment in these valuable jobs is not artificially constrained by uncompetitive regulations or tax rates*
- » Work with the federal, provincial, and U.S. governments to facilitate the building of pipelines to new markets such as Keystone, Gateway, Trans Mountain, and Energy East
- » Cut red tape to streamline our energy-related regulatory regimes without compromising the safety of Albertans or the health of our environment

LOWER POWER BILLS

- » *Eliminate market distortions that exacerbate volatility for consumers and businesses who have not signed a fixed price contract for their electricity*
- » Ensure transmission costs are properly worked into planning and delivery, so that generators and transmitters are encouraged to minimize costs instead of ratepayers subsidizing inefficiency
- » Reduce electricity demand by developing market based mechanisms that encourage conservation and efficiency, and allow businesses, co-ops, and individual Albertans to sell locally-generated electricity from co-gen, wind, solar, biomass, and other alternatives back to the grid



CO2 EMISSIONS & AIR QUALITY

- » *Ensure Alberta's standards for CO2 emissions and pollutants are in line with national and international standards*
- » Tighten and strictly enforce the rules and approval mechanisms regulating air quality and ensure new projects undergo a rigorous cumulative effects assessment to protect air quality
- » Develop a natural gas and propane strategy to create and expand domestic and international markets for these cleaner burning hydrocarbons in electricity generation, co-gen, transportation, and value-added industrial inputs
- » Improve the regulatory and business environment for hydroelectric and renewable energy projects
- » Promote industry investment in environmental research, development,

equipment and upgrades through industry-wide tax incentives rather than grants for government insiders



