

ENERGY AND THE ECONOMY

LET'S GET THE RIGHT BALANCE

Alberta is a great place to live — we cherish our province's natural beauty and depend on our natural resources to fuel our economy. We can't compromise one for the other — we need to get the balance right.

Things are changing fast and there's a lot of debate in Alberta about how to balance our energy needs, our environment and our economy.

But there's no question our government has to get it right.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

As health-care professionals, we know that climate change is a health issue. The threats to human health posed by climate change are real. Fires, drought, extreme weather - we're seeing the effects every day in our communities and in our patients. We need a plan to address climate change, while diversifying our economy and lowering energy costs for people.

As workers, we know how important it is to have a good job with decent wages. And as health-care workers, we know good jobs and good health are connected. That's why we also need a plan to support good jobs - including jobs in the oil and gas sector.

In this election, we're asking HSAA members and all Albertans to make health care a priority. But we're also concerned about the parties' positions on the economy, energy and the environment - these issues directly impact the overall health of Albertans.

WHERE DO THE PARTIES STAND?

While neither of the main parties has released their party platforms, we can learn a lot from their public statements and from their records.



JASON KENNEY AND THE UCP



RACHEL NOTLEY AND THE NDP



TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE

SUPPORTS.

SUPPORTS. And has worked tirelessly to get the project approved and underway.



FEDERAL CARBON TAX PLAN

OPPOSES. Vows to take the federal government to court.

Won't participate until the Trans Mountain Pipeline is approved.



ALBERTA CARBON TAX

AGAINST. Held an anti-carbon tax rally with Ontario Premier Doug Ford where he called the carbon tax "The biggest lie in Alberta history."

Source: Globe and Mail, October 5

FOR. Introduced a 'Made in Alberta' plan to put a levy on carbon in order reduce emissions and transition to a diversified and long-term, sustainable economy including:

- rebates for Albertans to offset cost increases
- renewable energy projects and electricity transition
- industrial and consumer energy efficiency programs
- indigenous climate leadership initiatives
- transit and infrastructure projects

Source: Climate Leadership Plan



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

NONE. The UCP actively opposes all legislation and programs aimed at supporting industry efforts to reduce GHG emissions. The UCP would repeal both the Climate Leadership Plan and the Renewable Electricity Act.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

- putting a price on greenhouse gas emissions
- ending pollution from coal-generated electricity by 2030
- developing more renewable energy
- capping oil sands emissions reducing methane emissions by 45% by 2025

Source: Climate Leadership Plan

WHAT CAN WE DO? HOW DO WE PROTECT OUR FUTURE?

We can't do nothing. We need to act – and we need to get the balance right before our economy, our communities and our health are put at risk.

The expansion of the pipeline, together with Alberta's ambitious Climate Leadership Plan, will lead to real reductions in greenhouse gases while protecting jobs in Alberta.

The world is changing and we need to adapt, fast. The Alberta Federation of Labour has a plan to diversify our economy, invest in infrastructure and people, and use our resource wealth as a spring board to the future.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT'S NEXT FOR ALBERTA'S ECONOMY:



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and find out more about the Alberta Federation of Labour's work to transform our economy and be ready for the future.



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