

Backgrounder

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Reaction to *Clean Growth. Climate Action*

“The point of a carbon tax is to put a price on the greenhouse gases we need to cut to reduce climate change - to encourage reducing fossil fuel usage - and then to use some of the revenue to fund alternatives - like energy efficient buildings and public transit. The BC NDP climate change plan will do exactly that - unlike the current model, which does not provide alternatives.”

Lee Loftus
Business Manager, BC Insulators

“Instead of a fake climate plan that allows emissions to rise John Horgan's climate plan shows real action to defend our environment while making sure progress is affordable for all British Columbians.”

Tzeporah Berman
Member BC Climate Leadership Team

“The Christy Clark government's approach to reducing carbon pollution in BC is not working. A sector-by-sector approach is the right way to go and we are glad that John Horgan and the NDP recognize the need to protect the competitiveness of trade exposed industries. We don't need to choose between the environment and the economy -- we can defend good jobs and reduce carbon pollution at the same time.”

Scott Lunny, Assistant to the Director,
United Steelworkers (USW) District 3

“It's refreshing to see John Horgan and the NDP taking the issue of climate change so much more seriously than our current Premier and her party. This approach not only seeks to actually reduce pollution but it also takes steps to increase awareness and understanding of this vitally important issue by creating win-win opportunities – opportunities that create jobs and reduce costs for BC families. That's the kind of leadership we need in BC.”

Ben West
Co-Founder Tanker Free BC

“Around the world cities are both the largest source of climate-changing emissions and where extreme weather is creating the highest costs and impacts.

“But here in BC, cities have a narrow jurisdiction and even narrower set of fiscal tools to meet the twin challenge of climate mitigation and adaptation and over the last number of years not much support from the provincial government. In the face of increasingly dire climate consequences, the NDP climate plan recognizes cities as a necessary partner and gives access to the tools we need to take effective action to decrease emissions and adapt to a new climate reality.”

Andrea Reimer
City of Vancouver