

The BC Greens believe British Columbia can lead on climate again by reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, lowering energy costs and protecting the communities and places we love.

British Columbia has lost its way on climate change. We have legislated climate targets, but current policies are not projected to meet them. The government is supporting new LNG development, weakening policies intended to reduce transportation emissions, and backing away from climate action when it becomes politically difficult. The independent review of CleanBC confirmed that BC is off track and called for stronger action that also addresses affordability, the economy, and the impacts of climate change.¹

We believe British Columbia can cut climate pollution, strengthen our economy, and make life more affordable. Transportation, buildings, industry and energy all need to be part of meeting our climate targets, with policies that help people and businesses move away from fossil fuels and toward cleaner alternatives. Done well, this transition can create good jobs, strengthen communities and reduce our exposure to volatile fossil-fuel prices.

But building cleaner alternatives will not be enough if the government continues making 25-50 year decisions that lock BC into greater fossil-fuel dependence. New LNG terminals, pipelines and increased gas production are long-lived projects. Once built, they create pressure for continued extraction and continued emissions for decades. Proposed LNG development also risks cancelling out reductions being made by households and other industries by adding millions of tonnes of industrial emissions each year.

BC needs to begin a managed transition away from our dependence on fossil fuels. We will stop further expansion of fossil-fuel production and infrastructure, require major polluters to reduce their emissions, and end public support for expanding the industry.

Where oil and gas production continues during this transition, British Columbians should receive a fair return from publicly owned resources. We will reform resource royalties and strengthen industrial carbon pricing so that companies profiting from our resources and producing significant pollution contribute their fair share.

This transition needs to be planned with the people and communities most affected by it. First Nations, workers and resource-dependent communities should be part of shaping what comes next, with support for new industries, skills and economic opportunities. We want more of the benefits from BC's resources and the industries that replace them to remain in the communities where that economic activity takes place.

Climate action is also about protecting people from changes that are already underway. Wildfire, drought, extreme heat and flooding are damaging homes and infrastructure, threatening people's health, and increasing costs for households, businesses and governments. The costs of climate change will continue to grow if we wait until after disasters happen to respond. BC needs to invest earlier in prevention and resilience, with stable funding that allows First Nations and local governments to plan for the long term and protect their communities.

¹ CleanBC Independent Review Panel, [*CleanBC Independent Review: Final Report*](#) (November 2025)

The BC Greens will put the province on a new path. We will pair this with a major expansion of clean electricity and electrification, set out in our Renewable Electricity section.

The BC Greens will:

Renew BC's climate leadership

- Treat the climate crisis like the emergency it is. We'll bring in a new provincial climate action plan that meets the targets demanded by the climate emergency, with clear sector-by-sector milestones, annual public reporting, and real consequences when government falls behind.
- Require major policies, infrastructure investments and industrial decisions to be assessed against BC's climate targets and climate risks.
- Maintain BC's legislated long-term climate targets and establish interim targets and accountability measures that reflect where emissions are today and keep the province on track for 2040 and 2050.
- Support First Nations to lead their own climate priorities through stable, long-term funding for community-led clean energy, adaptation, stewardship and economic development that builds lasting opportunities beyond fossil fuels.

Stop expanding fossil fuels

- End approvals for new fracking expansion, LNG terminals and expansions, and new fossil-fuel pipelines in British Columbia.
- Set a long-term pathway for the managed decline of existing oil and gas production consistent with BC's climate targets and planned with affected First Nations, workers and communities.
- Develop regional transition plans with First Nations, workers and resource-dependent communities, including support for economic diversification, training and good jobs.
- End provincial subsidies, tax preferences and public financing that encourage the expansion of fossil-fuel production.
- Require gas utilities to plan for declining fossil-gas use and protect households from being left to pay for unnecessary or stranded gas infrastructure as BC moves toward cleaner forms of heating.
- Accelerate the phaseout of methane and eliminate routine venting, reduce flaring and address compressor and fugitive emissions.
- Restrict fossil-fuel advertising and promotion, including advertising that encourages greater consumption of fossil fuels.

Make polluters pay

- Reform BC's oil and gas royalty framework to achieve its original objective of collecting 50 per cent of net profits after production costs, with clear rules for allowable costs and public reporting on the royalties collected. For 2027/28, the Province currently forecasts approximately \$1.14 billion in natural-gas royalties. We estimate that achieving the 50 per cent objective would generate approximately \$4.09 billion — nearly \$3 billion more in a single year.
- Strengthen BC's industrial carbon-pricing system so major polluters face a meaningful and rising incentive to reduce their emissions, including by preventing an oversupply of credits from weakening the system.
- Require the oil and gas sector to reduce emissions in line with BC's climate targets, with a binding sectoral emissions cap if existing regulations and industrial carbon pricing do not deliver the required reductions.

- Introduce a windfall profits tax on extraordinary corporate profits, including in the fossil-fuel sector.

Make efficiency choices affordable

- Make it easier to install heat pumps in existing homes and apartments by streamlining permitting and removing unnecessary regulatory and strata barriers.
- Enable Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing so households and businesses can spread the cost of efficiency upgrades over time.
- Enforce a province-wide ban on gas hookups in all new buildings to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lower household costs for the long-term.

Clean up transportation

- Restore BC's requirement that 100 per cent of new light-duty vehicle sales be zero-emission by 2035, reversing the government's decision to weaken the target to 75 per cent.
- Phase in zero-emission requirements for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles as technology becomes practical across sectors.
- Expand public charging across BC and make EV charging easier in apartments and strata buildings by strengthening residents' right to charge, funding shared electrical upgrades and helping stratas plan for broad access to charging.
- Require new residential buildings and major renovations to be EV-ready, so charging can be added later without costly electrical retrofits.

Prepare BC for a changing climate

- Establish stable, long-term funding for First Nations and local governments to assess local climate risks and prepare for wildfire, flooding, drought, extreme heat and other hazards.
- Expand support to make homes and communities safer during extreme weather, including access to cooling, clean-air spaces, wildfire protection and resilience upgrades, with priority for people and communities least able to pay.