

BC Greens believe B.C.'s future should run on clean, affordable electricity made here at home, cutting our reliance on expensive, volatile fossil fuels and keeping more energy dollars in our communities.

The world is entering a new age of electricity. After decades of progress, renewable power and the technologies that store and use it are becoming cheaper, more capable and available at enormous scale. Last year, more than 90% of new renewable power built around the world produced electricity more cheaply than new fossil-fuel power.¹ Recent wars, disrupted trade routes and volatile oil and gas prices have brought energy security back to the centre of economic policy. Electrification lets B.C. rely more on energy made at home, spend less on fossil fuels we don't control, and cut emissions

Unfortunately, most of the energy we use in BC still comes from fossil fuels. Electricity currently provides less than 20 per cent of the total energy used to heat our buildings, move people and goods, and power businesses and industry.² We want to change that balance. As more people drive electric vehicles, homes swap gas furnaces for heat pumps, and industries adopt electric technologies, we'll set a target for electricity to supply at least 35% of B.C.'s total energy needs by 2035. And we'll start planning the grid now, so clean power is ready when people and businesses need it.

We also have an opportunity to rethink how the electricity system works. Solar panels, batteries, electric vehicles and smart devices allow electricity to be produced, stored and managed across thousands of homes, businesses and communities. These resources can reduce pressure on the grid and help meet growing demand more efficiently. We'll make rooftop solar, home batteries, and other local energy a core part of how B.C. plans its grid, and we'll meet growing demand without building new large hydroelectric dams. This transition will bring billions of dollars in new investment, and we want more of that money to stay in B.C. First Nations, local governments, co-operatives, households, and businesses should be able to own energy projects, earn revenue from them, and build local expertise and jobs. BC Hydro will remain publicly owned and at the centre of the system, while more British Columbians share in the electricity economy growing around it.

The BC Greens will:

Build the clean power BC will need

- Set an initial target for electricity to supply at least 35 per cent of BC's total energy needs by 2035, up from ~20% today, with shorter-term electrification targets and annual public reporting on progress.
- Direct BC Hydro to plan for a high-electrification future and build generation, transmission and distribution ahead of demand, supported by regular competitive calls for new renewable power.

¹ International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), [Renewable Power Generation Costs in 2025](#) (July 2026).

² CleanBC Independent Review Panel, [CleanBC Independent Review: Final Report](#) (November 2025)

- Rule out new large hydroelectric dams and meet future electricity demand through wind, solar, batteries, and efficiency upgrades.

Launch a residential renewables strategy

- Restore one-for-one net metering for households and small businesses.
- Legalize certified plug-in balcony solar so renters, apartment residents and households without suitable rooftops can generate their own electricity and save money.
- Create a province-wide streamlined approval system for standard rooftop solar and battery systems, working with and incentivizing local governments to adopt simple rules and automated permitting where possible.
- Create low-cost on-bill financing options for solar, batteries and electrical upgrades so households and businesses can spread the cost of clean-energy upgrades over time.
- Require BC Hydro to treat household solar, batteries, electric vehicles and flexible demand as core parts of the electricity system, and fairly pay customers when their equipment supplies power or helps manage the grid.

Put more energy ownership in community hands

- Create a Community Energy Project Office and standardized rules to help First Nations, local governments, cooperatives, strata corporations and community organizations develop and finance local solar, wind, storage and microgrid projects.
- Expand the Community Energy Diesel Reduction program so more remote First Nations can replace diesel generation with local renewable power and storage.
- Use BC Hydro's purchasing power to grow BC and Canadian electricity supply chains, First Nations participation, apprenticeships and skilled trades.

Modernize the grid

- Reform the Utilities Commission Act so the BCUC can approve investments ahead of demand and must consider BC's climate and electrification goals alongside affordability and reliability.
- Require BC Hydro and the BCUC to consider energy efficiency, flexible demand and storage before building new generation or grid infrastructure, choosing the lowest cost option that can reliably meet electricity needs.
- Move virtual power plants, smart charging and other flexible-energy programs from pilots into regular grid operations, with customers retaining control and being paid for the value they provide.