



Keeping in Touch

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THE ENVIROMENT AND THE ECONOMY

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Dear Friends,

Canadians understand that a strong economy and a clean environment go hand in hand.

Our government is providing national leadership, and is working with the provinces and territories to take action on climate change as Canada works towards reducing gas emissions and improving air quality.

The science is clear. Climate change is one of the most pressing issues the world faces, and to stop it, we must act collectively – and we must act now.

In order to grow our economy in a sustainable manner, it is essential that we reduce our carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions. Addressing these imperatives will be challenging, but will also create enormous opportunities associated with transforming our economy into a global leader in the world's low-carbon future.

Budget 2016 proposes to provide almost \$2.9 billion over five years, starting in 2016-2017, to address climate change and air pollution issues. This funding will:

- Support the development of the Pan Canadian Framework, including a Low Carbon Economy Fund;
- Assist with the reduction of emissions from Canada's largest sources – transportation and energy;
- Enable evidence-based decision making to address air pollution;
- Advance science and programming activities to better understand and adapt to changing climate conditions;
- Help ensure that Canada meets its international obligations.

Clean technologies are a key component in the Government's approach to Canada's conversion into a low-carbon nation.

Retooling our economy for this era of change will require new thinking. Innovation and adaptation are vital to the creation of clean jobs, economic growth and the protection of our environment.

Our government proposes to provide \$50 million over two years to Natural Resources Canada for investment in technologies that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the oil and gas sector. Investing in the research, development and usage of new clean technologies will also bring significant positive change to the marketplace, thus creating opportunities for Canadians and businesses. Now is the time for Canadian companies to capture their share of the emerging global market for clean technology, and we support their efforts, from waste management, to biofuels, to greener solutions for the oil and gas industry.

These investments will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance the life cycle of public and private infrastructure projects – including buildings, bridges, roads, and water and wastewater utilities – and ensure the long-term sustainability of Canadian communities.

I am proud to be your voice in Ottawa, and welcome your suggestions, comments, and concerns. Together, we can make a difference.



"Canada is proud to be a partner in this ambitious global initiative. By working together, we will deliver real benefits for our environment while also strengthening our economy, including through the creation of more middle class jobs." - Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister

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