



# Climate and Environment: Honest Science, Honest Costs

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## 1. Issue

For years, successive governments have spent enormous sums in the name of fighting climate change — carbon taxes, layers of regulation, subsidies for favoured technologies, and constraints on developing Canada's own energy resources.

The Common Good Party does not dispute that climate changes or human activity has effects, or that protecting our air, water, and soil is a real public responsibility. What we dispute is the certainty used to justify sweeping and costly policies — and the refusal to weigh their real costs honestly against their uncertain benefits.

## 2. Facts

Sound policy requires honesty about what we actually know. The science of a complex climate system is not as settled as it is often presented. The models that drive policy carry wide margins of error, and many of their past projections have not matched what followed. A genuine scientific posture treats this as cause for humility, not for escalating certainty.

When the evidentiary foundation is less firm than advertised, the honest response is candour about the limits of our knowledge — and corresponding caution before imposing burdens that are anything but uncertain. Because those burdens are certain. Higher energy prices, lost industry, jobs sent abroad, and a rising cost of living are not projections - they are happening now. And they fall hardest on the Canadians least able to absorb them, not on those who design the policies.

## 3. Where We Stand

We reject the false choice that one must accept the entire policy agenda or be branded a denier. That framing has narrowed honest debate and treated reasonable doubt as shameful, rather than as the ordinary engine of science.

Our position rests on two commitments: honesty about the science, including its genuine uncertainties, and honesty about the costs, which have been understated for too long. Where the case for a measure is uncertain but its harms are certain, the measure has not earned its price.

## 4. Our Plan

A CGP government will:

- ✓ Restore proportion to climate policy. Subject every carbon tax, regulation, subsidy, and program to a plain test — does its real, demonstrable benefit justify its real cost to Canadians and Canadian industry? Repeal those that fail.

- ✓ Reject costly commitments built on uncertain foundations. Decline to bind Canada to rigid emissions targets and international obligations whose costs are certain while their justification remains contested.

- ✓ Foster independent Canadian-based research. Fund Canadian-led science that follows the evidence objectively rather than agendas set abroad. A sovereign nation forms its own judgment on questions as consequential as energy, industry, and the environment.

- ✓ Protect industry, energy, and the household budget. Develop Canada's energy resources to secure an affordable, reliable supply, and keep value creation and well-paid jobs here at home instead of exporting both abroad.

- ✓ Invest in what visibly works. Prioritize practical, measurable improvements to the environment Canadians actually live in — cleaner air, water, and soil, clean drinking water for remote and Indigenous communities — and invest in resilience against floods, fires, and natural disasters.

- ✓ Reopen honest debate. Defend open inquiry and the freedom to question, ending the impulse to dictate how Canadians heat their homes, travel, and live.