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John Horgan and BC's New Democrats

John Horgan and BC's New Democrats understand that a sustainable, clean growth economy is essential to creating good jobs and growing the economy, while also reducing carbon pollution and protecting the environment. But it can't be done at the expense of average families who are living paycheque to paycheque.

That is why John Horgan and BC's New Democrats will implement a comprehensive climate plan that provides a pathway for BC – and people who live here – to prosper economically while significantly reducing our carbon pollution.

John Horgan's plan will get the province back on track to meet our climate targets, stimulate innovation, create jobs, protect BC businesses, support rural communities, and use new carbon tax revenues to put more money back in the pockets of low and middle income families.

The BC New Democrat *Clean Growth Climate Action* plan is guided by a set of five core principles that are necessary and required for successful climate action. Within the first 100 days of a BC NDP government, we would renew the **Climate Leadership Team** to discuss how we will implement their thoughtful recommendations under the framework of the following five core principles:

- **Principle #1 – Take measures to reduce carbon pollution, rather than let it continue to go up.** Ultimately, climate plans should be judged on one simple test: are your emissions going up, or down? Christy Clark has failed to meet this test. Our plan commits to achieve BC's legislated 2050 greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 80 per cent below 2007 levels and will set a new legislated 2030 reduction target of 40 per cent below 2007 levels.
- **Principle #2 – Bring in the federally mandated carbon price gradually and predictably.** Rather than hit people with a large increase all at once, our plan will meet the federally mandated \$50/tonne carbon price by 2022 over three years starting in 2020 (\$6, \$7,

\$7/tonne), and in a way that meets principles number three and four.

- **Principle #3 – Make it more affordable for families.** Our plan will ease the negative impacts of carbon pricing on low and middle income families. We will ensure that the majority of families are better off under our plan, even as the carbon tax increases – because climate action is meant to benefit us all, not be a financial burden. We will create a new climate action rebate cheque for low and middle income families so that 80% of households would receive the rebate cheque each year, in advance – rather than a much smaller amount for far fewer families after it's paid like Christy Clark's tax.
- **Principle #4 – Invest in creating jobs, growing the economy and climate solutions.** An essential element to any successful climate plan is investing in initiatives and infrastructure that actually reduce carbon pollution. This is a fundamental difference between Christy Clark and the NDP. Our plan will invest a portion of carbon tax revenues directly into reducing emissions and climate change solutions, like investing in transit, energy efficiency, clean technology, and initiatives that will reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. We want to develop these industries on the front end of the trend, rather than chasing it later when others have arrived before us.
- **Principle #5 – Take a sector by sector approach to regulating carbon pollution reduction.** We want to provide certainty to stimulate investment and protect trade exposed businesses, rather than hurting competitiveness. A successful climate plan must recognize that different sectors require different approaches. Our plan will establish separate sectoral reduction goals and sectoral reduction plans for transportation (30% reduction by 2030), industry (30% reduction by 2030), and buildings and homes (50% reduction by 2030).

We can build a better future for our kids and grandkids here in BC. John Horgan's approach to climate action will create good jobs and economic growth, reduce carbon pollution, and make life more affordable for families.

Putting Money Back in Your Pocket with a New Climate Action Rebate Cheque

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Action on climate change should be a benefit to us all; it should not place undue burden on average families.

Christy Clark has failed to protect families. Under Christy Clark, the carbon tax in British Columbia has become regressive and unfair. The rich and big corporations are given big breaks, while families are asked to pay more than their share.

Currently, government gives twice as much in corporate and business tax cuts associated with the carbon tax than in personal tax reductions. Only 11% of carbon tax revenues go to the low income climate action tax credit, while 65% of the money goes to corporate tax cuts. Since 2008, the carbon tax has increased three-fold but the low income rebates have remained at their original level. Less than 40% of BC families get a rebate from Christy Clark's tax.

Does that feel "revenue neutral" to you and your family?

John Horgan's plan will take a different approach. The BC NDP climate plan will focus on putting money back in people's pockets and investing in good jobs and economic growth for the future. We will maintain all current personal income tax reductions achieved through the existing carbon tax, and we will increase the climate action rebate for low and middle income families, as the carbon tax increases, *so that 80% of all households would receive the rebate and be better off than under Christy Clark's tax.*

Under Christy Clark's tax, corporations receive more benefits and rebates from the carbon tax than families. We will fix that.

Her plan: Carbon pollution has been going up and will continue to go up.

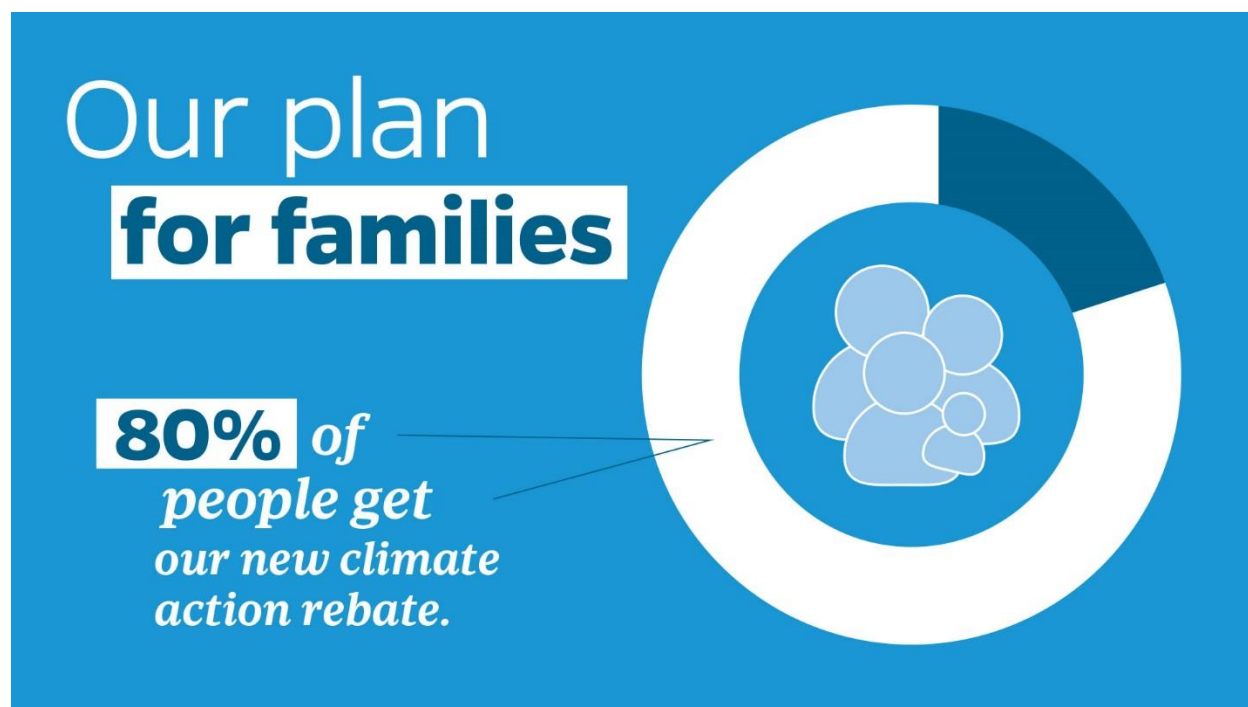
Our plan: Carbon pollution will go down, with smart regulations and emissions targets, defending our environment for our kids and grandkids.

Her plan: Corporations get the bigger breaks. And less than 40% of families get a rebate after the tax is paid.

Our plan: Middle class and working families will be better off. 80% of BC families will get a new climate rebate cheque in advance.

Her plan: Carbon tax revenue wasn't targeted to invest in good jobs and clean growth.

Our plan: We'll invest to help grow our economy and create more jobs that last. More revenue will go towards job-creating infrastructure and projects that actually reduce carbon pollution, like new transit and transportation, renewable and clean technology, and energy efficiency upgrades.



Creating Jobs by Investing in Climate Solutions

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John Horgan and BC's New Democrats believe that an essential element to any successful climate plan is investing in initiatives and infrastructure that actually reduce carbon pollution. This is a fundamental difference between Christy Clark and the NDP.

Horgan's *Clean Growth Climate Action* plan will invest a portion of carbon tax revenues directly into reducing emissions and climate change solutions, like investing in transit, energy efficiency, clean technology, and initiatives that will reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. We want to develop these industries on the front end of the trend, rather than chasing it later when others have arrived before us. By using a portion of carbon tax revenues to invest in climate solutions and infrastructure, we can create jobs, grow the economy, and reduce emissions. This is a win-win-win, policy hat trick.

While Christy Clark wants you to believe that we have to choose between protecting the environment and economic growth, we believe the opposite. We believe that fighting carbon pollution can help spur economic growth, create good family-supporting jobs that last, and help build a better future for our kids and grandkids.

A recent study from [Clean Energy Canada](#) proves the point that we don't have to choose between economic growth and fighting climate change in British Columbia. Clean Energy Canada retained Navius Research to model the job and economic implications of meeting our 2020 and 2050 climate targets. Their study found that both jobs and the economy would grow while BC met its 2050 climate target. Climate leadership will create 900,000 new jobs between now and 2050 and provincial GDP is expected to nearly double to \$425 billion a year by 2050.

This is the future we want to achieve. As carbon pollution falls, British Columbia's GDP and job creation climbs. In order to accomplish this, we will ensure that a portion

of new revenues raised from the carbon tax will be returned to taxpayers through investment in climate solutions. We will create a clean growth jobs plan for British Columbians.

One of our first priorities in this regard will be investing in the necessary transit projects across the province. Transit not only reduces carbon pollution, but also improves the economy, creates jobs, and reduces congestion. Our climate infrastructure investment plan will be transparent and published on a yearly basis to demonstrate how investments made will reduce emissions and grow the economy.

Sector-by-Sector Approach to Climate Action and Good Jobs

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Within the first 100 days of a BC New Democrat government, John Horgan will reconvene a Climate Leadership Team, as well as consult with the public, labour and industry in planning the necessary steps and actions needed to meet greenhouse gas reduction targets.

Christy Clark failed British Columbia by delaying, and ultimately ignoring, the good work of the Climate Leadership Team. The Climate Leadership Team worked diligently and in good faith to reach a consensus decision and suite of recommendations¹ to help BC meet its climate change reduction targets. The team reached consensus from a group that included leaders from First Nations, business, academia, local government, and environmental organizations. A considerable amount of research and economic modelling informs their report. Christy Clark ignored all of it and instead introduced an inadequate and cynical plan that will actually see emissions go up, for more than 10 years, instead of down.

Horgan believes that the Climate Leadership Team did good work, including taking a comprehensive sector-by-sector approach that recognizes the challenges and distinctiveness of each economic sector. As recommended by the Climate Leadership Team, the BC New Democrats will establish targeted and transparent mechanisms for emission-intensive, trade-exposed sectors that mitigate the competitiveness issues created for those sectors, in consultation with industry and their workers.

Horgan will also establish separate sectoral reduction goals and sectoral climate action plans for transportation (30% reduction by 2030), industry (30% reduction by 2030), and buildings and homes (50% reduction by 2030).

BC's New Democrats are committed to implementing the full scope and intent of the team's recommendations in a manner that is consistent with our five core principles and the federally mandated carbon tax.

¹ Climate Leadership Team recommendations: http://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/116/2015/11/CLT-recommendations-to-government_Final.pdf

We will sit down with a renewed Climate Leadership Team within the first 100 days of a John Horgan government to work on a plan that meets our core principles and establishes actions necessary to achieve BC's carbon pollution reduction targets.

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Christy Clark's Terrible Record on Climate Change

Christy Clark's trip to the Paris climate change conference in 2015 perfectly sums up our photo-op premier's position on climate change – all talk, no action. In the lead up to the Paris conference, Clark made grandiose claims about being a world leader in the fight against climate change. She then hired a personal photographer to follow her around Paris, but brought no actual climate plan with her. She ignored the hard work of the government-appointed Climate Leadership Team and hoped nice photos would do the trick.

In reality, Christy Clark has taken BC backwards. She has failed to take necessary action on climate change, and has instead ridden the coattails of former premier Gordon Campbell's climate plan since she became premier. She has failed to show commitment to action and is failing the essential climate leadership test: are your emissions going up or down? She would rather let the problem get worse and leave it to our kids to fix.

Under Christy Clark, carbon pollution in British Columbia has risen by more than 3 per cent and continues to trend upwards. The facts show this in plain sight. From 2007 to 2011, with a carbon tax in place and rising gradually, carbon pollution in BC dropped by 4.7 per cent. Since Christy Clark became premier in 2011, carbon pollution has increased by 3.3 per cent. That is not climate leadership, that's climate failure.

We respect the work of the Climate Leadership Team, instead of rejecting it.”

And carbon pollution continues to trend upwards in British Columbia. Environment Canada projects that carbon pollution in British Columbia is set to increase by 32% by 2030. This is in direct contrast to Clark's Climate Leadership Team, which recommends that British Columbia cut greenhouse gas emissions by 40% in that same timeframe.

Christy Clark's plan is simply not good enough. Recent independent analyses by Pembina Institute, Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, and Clean Energy Canada show that under Clark's plan, carbon pollution will increase until 2030, and that by 2050, carbon pollution will still be 41 megatonnes (Mt) higher than BC's legislated target of 12.6 Mt. The government's carbon pollution reduction targets will be missed by 63%.

John Horgan and the BC's New Democrats commit to significantly reduce emissions. Where Christy Clark ignores evidence and the recommendations of climate experts, we will listen.

