

Written Submission for the Pre-Budget
Consultations in Advance of the 2020 Budget
By: Leadnow Society

Recommendation 1: That the government ends all fossil fuel subsidies.

Recommendation 2: That the government redirects fossil fuel subsidies towards good and dignified work in clean energy; sustainable and inclusive housing; clean water; and the protection of life from coast to coast to coast.

To House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance:

The climate crisis is here. July was the hottest month on record, communities across the country have been devastated by historic floods, and our coastal communities are watching rising sea levels slowly rip away our coastlines.

We applaud the government's recent declaration of a climate emergency, but we are concerned ongoing subsidies to the fossil fuel industry will undermine efforts to respond to the crisis.

Today, we are writing to urge the Canadian government to end all federal fossil fuel subsidies and invest in bold climate solutions that tackle the climate crisis, while creating millions of good jobs, lifting up Indigenous rights, and fostering vibrant communities.

This vision is shared by thousands of people across the country, including more than 6000 Leadnow members who added their names to endorse the following recommendation to your committee:

To the Standing Committee on Finance:

We're in a climate emergency. The government needs to act now and stop giving away billions in handouts to coal, oil, and gas companies to produce and pollute more. Instead, we need to divert taxpayer money towards good and dignified work in green energy; sustainable and inclusive housing; clean water; and the protection of life from coast to coast to coast.

Signed by 6050 people

We urge you to make the elimination of all federal subsidies to fossil fuels a top priority in the 2020 budget.

Sincerely,

Claire and Simran on behalf of 6050 people across Canada.