

**Written Submission for the Pre-Budget Consultations  
in Advance of the Upcoming Federal Budget  
Fall 2020**

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## Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Draft and implement a climate accountability act designed to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050, as set out in “Policy Brief: A New Canadian Climate Accountability Act” found at <https://d36rd3gki5z3d3.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Policy-Brief-New-Canadian-Climate-Accountability-Act-English.pdf?x13805>

Recommendation 2: Continue the carbon price, increasing it to incent emissions reductions, and providing refunds directly to taxpayers. Carbon price: 2019: \$55 2020: \$80 2021: \$105 2022: \$130 2023: \$155 2024: \$180 2025: \$205 2026: \$230 2027: \$255 2028: \$280. Guy Dauncey: Guy Dauncey: “Week 3, January 20th Canada’s Carbon Tax” <https://thepracticalutopian.ca/2020/01/05/climate-emergency-a-26-week-transition-program-for-canada/>

Recommendation 3: Implement Green Bonds, equivalent to War Bonds, issued by the government, offering an attractive return, guaranteed by the Bank of Canada as buyer of last resort. The bonds should be available to be purchased by the public. Guy Dauncey: “Week 4, January 27th Our Climate Investments” <https://thepracticalutopian.ca/2020/01/05/climate-emergency-a-26-week-transition-program-for-canada/>

Recommendation 4: Establish policies, legislation, and regulations to achieve changes required in manufacturing, infrastructure, and transportation (model building code, ZEV sales, circular manufacturing, and end of product life management.) Guy Dauncey: “Week 19, May 11th A Circular Economy” <https://thepracticalutopian.ca/2020/01/05/climate-emergency-a-26-week-transition-program-for-canada/>

Recommendation 5: Halt fossil fuel exploration and expansion. Guy Dauncey: “Week 17, April 27th Fossil-Fuel Wind-Down” <https://thepracticalutopian.ca/2020/01/05/climate-emergency-a-26-week-transition-program-for-canada/>

Recommendation 6: Implement a Build Back Better Power Plan for 2020 – 2030 that will green the national electricity grid and over 10 years would create 675,000 person-years of work, eliminate the 75 million tonnes of GHG emissions from the power sector and deliver better health to Canadians by reducing air pollution. For details see analysis prepared by Corporate Knights: <https://www.corporateknights.com/channels/energy/building-back-better-green-power-wave-15881589/>

Recommendation 7: Implement a 10-year, phased-in program for thermally retrofitting and electrifying 60% of Canada’s dwellings and workplaces which reduce GHG emissions by 45% and annual fuel and electricity costs by \$12.7 billion per year and create upwards of 220,000 jobs across the country. For details see analysis prepared by Corporate Knights: <https://www.corporateknights.com/voices/ralph-torrie-and-celine-bak/recovering-stronger-building-low-carbon-future-green-renovation-wave-15875463/>

## Submission Details

A top priority for the 2021 budget, as we recover from COVID19, must be funding initiatives that will deliver Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reductions required to achieve emissions reduction to 60% below 2005 levels by 2030 while delivering a just recovery that provides employment opportunities across the country that are inclusive of women, Indigenous, and racialized communities. The climate emergency is not a political football to be punted forward to some future rosy time. The government must act now to invest in infrastructure and programs, and to pass legislation and regulations, that will drive the achievement of GHG reductions while putting in place the social programs needed to ensure basic health and quality of life for all those who live in this country.

Several well-researched frameworks, with detailed plans for launching an aggressive investment in a just transition to a low carbon economy, have been developed by organizations and individuals. These offer solid ideas for this government to use in developing a viable budget that addresses our climate emergency. I have relied several in preparing this document.

A coalition consisting of CANRAC, Environmental Defence, Ecojustice, Équiterre, Pembina Institute, and West Coast Environmental Law prepared the report on climate accountability legislation .

Guy Dauncey has developed a detailed proposal for a comprehensive program to address the climate emergency. This document has been provided in hard and soft copy formats to all Members of Parliament. The recommendations that I have made are those that I believe to offer a powerful combination of economic stimulus and GHG reduction appropriate to this time COVID recovery and impending climate crisis. I urge the reader to review the full document authored by Guy Dauncey for many other viable and valuable recommendations for action:

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Corporate Knights is a publication group with a research arm. It promotes “clean capitalism” as an economic system in which prices incorporate social, economic, and ecological benefits and costs, and actors know the full impacts of their actions. The research and reports offer practical recommendations for policies and investments that address the climate emergency.

Recommendation 1 promotes a framework for a Canadian climate accountability act which was developed through a collaboration of six Canadian environmental advocacy groups, CANRAC, Environmental Defence, Ecojustice, Équiterre, Pembina Institute, and West Coast Environmental Law. The report can be found on their websites, and I provide the following link to the document:

<https://d36rd3gki5z3d3.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Policy-Brief-New-Canadian-Climate-Accountability-Act-English.pdf?x13805>

Recommendations 2 through 4 are adapted from the following document, authored by Guy Dauncey:

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Recommendation 6 and 7 are taken from the work of Corporate Knights and details can be found at:

<https://www.corporateknights.com/channels/energy/building-back-better-green-power-wave-15881589/> and <https://www.corporateknights.com/voices/ralph-torrie-and-celine-bak/recovering-stronger-building-low-carbon-future-green-renovation-wave-15875463/>