

I want change!

My name is Jule, I'm a 15 year old boy that lives in Nanaimo BC, and I hope to see some change come from the aftermath of this pandemic.

The first thing is transportation, how is it that there are schools with thousands of kids that don't have school buses and have to pay loads of money every month for public transport just to be able to go to school? Either students should have free transport or, even better there should be school buses. The buses everywhere should be electric, school and public. The technology exists, and it should be essential. Why are trains only used for cargo in BC? There are railroads, why isn't there public trains for long distance travel?

Solar panels are cost efficient if set up properly and should be used to power large buildings. If every large public building in cities like Vancouver and Victoria had solar panels on their roofs, it would produce enough power that we wouldn't need massive dams in our rivers that destroy the rivers' ecosystem.

How many golf courses and clear-cuts are there in and around our cities and towns? How much do they help people compared to farms? Industrial farms use and pollute millions of gallons of water just to produce "meat" in a smaller land space. Canada has plenty of land, and we don't need to go out take over more of it, plenty of the land that we've already destroyed isn't being used. I live beside 2 massive clear-cuts that have been empty for as long as I've lived here, that could be turned into farmland. And plant farms should be prioritized over cattle.

Re-planting clear-cuts don't regrow forests. They regrow a certain type of tree in mass so that logging companies can come cut them down in a few decades. Re-planting should be about fixing the forest, don't just plant one type of tree. It has been proven and demonstrated that a forest can be cut in specific ways to let it grow naturally and stay alive while we get the wood we need.

You shouldn't need teenagers to explain to you what to do to make BC a better place. The reason greener alternatives haven't been put into place isn't because people don't want them, it's because of money, and now you have it, so use it properly!

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