Summary: A vision for Alberta’s future

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Competitive industries with fewer emissions

Innovative technology

✓ increasing funding for clean tech development initiatives
✓ enhancing novel forms of financing to incent investment in efficiency and methane reduction in legacy upstream oil and gas assets
✓ creating incentives for focused investment in innovative technologies that help drive emissions reductions

Renewable energy

✓ accelerating the pace of renewables growth in the province through support programs and market-based mechanisms
✓ supporting energy independence for Albertans by enabling small-scale projects that have significant participation from communities, individuals, and businesses
✓ providing targeted support to help remote communities establish clean and secure energy sources

Energy efficiency

✓ creating a target to achieve annual energy efficiency savings, and increase investment in energy efficiency whenever cost-efficient
✓ legislating building codes to move towards net-zero emissions by 2030

Oilsands and methane

✓ working to meet Canada’s international commitments on climate change for both 2030 and 2050
✓ reducing oilsands emissions through strategic policies and regulations in order to meet these obligations
✓ implement the regulations that will enforce Alberta’s commitment to a 100 Mt cap for oilsands emissions
✓ taking regulatory action to improve the existing methane regulations in order to meet federal equivalency standards, and achieve a 45 per cent reduction of methane emissions in Alberta
Healthy communities and landscapes

Transportation

✓ maintaining or increasing investments in lower-emissions transportation, including public transit, car sharing, cycling infrastructure and low-emission vehicles
✓ taking steps to make ZEVs and related infrastructure more affordable, available and accessible in Alberta

Coal phase-out

✓ continuing the planned phase-out of coal pollution in Alberta by 2030
✓ creating a just transition plan to support the communities and workers affected by these changes

Land conservation

✓ doing Alberta’s share to support Canada’s stated goal to protect 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland waters by 2020
✓ continuing to establish conservation areas in partnership with Indigenous peoples and local communities in order to meet this commitment

Oil and gas liabilities

✓ producing an accurate and transparent industry-wide estimate of environmental liability and risk associated with oil and gas, and oilsands facilities
✓ implementing mechanisms such as securities or insurance tools to ensure that environmental liabilities are secured, and that Albertans are better protected from potential clean-up costs

Addressing climate change

✓ legislating an emissions reduction target for Alberta that is consistent with ensuring Canada meets its international obligations under the Paris climate agreement
✓ setting an economy-wide price on carbon pollution as a market-based solution to efficiently drive emissions reductions in the most cost effective manner possible
✓ maintaining and enhancing Alberta’s output-based system for large emitters, which protects them from international exposure while also rewarding efficient operators and incentivizing technology development