

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Objectives/priorities

- Legislated target to reduce emissions to 33% below 2007 levels by 2020, and to 80% below 2007 levels by 2050.
- Increase British Columbia's resilience to the impacts of climate change.
- Grow the B.C. economy, including green jobs and the clean-technology sector.
- Develop the cleanest LNG facilities in the world.

Highlights/measures/actions

- **Climate Action Plans:**
 - » Issued Climate Action Plan in 2008.
 - » Climate action planning and implementation are coordinated by a cross-government Climate Action Secretariat.
- **Carbon Pricing:**
 - » Comprehensive revenue-neutral carbon tax (covers 70% of B.C. emissions) introduced in 2008 at \$10/tonne.
 - » Currently set at \$30/tonne.
 - » B.C.'s real GDP rose 6% from 2008-12.
- **Carbon Neutral Government:**
 - » Provincial government carbon neutral since 2010, assisted by purchasing offsets to help fund climate action projects across B.C.
- **Communities:**
 - » 96% of local governments have signed Climate Action Charters with the Province, committing to leadership on climate action, including reducing emissions.
- **Clean Power:**
 - » Legislated requirement for 93% or more clean electricity generation.
- **Energy Efficiency:**
 - » New provincial buildings must be LEED gold or equivalent.
 - » Carbon Neutral Capital Program helps public-sector organisations reduce energy costs and emissions from buildings, using innovative technologies.

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- » B.C. adopted new National Building Code energy-efficiency standards, and the National Energy Code for Buildings.
- » BC Hydro required to meet 66% of new demand through conservation and efficiency.
- **Transportation:**
 - » Renewable and Low-Carbon Fuel Standard requires 10% reduction in carbon content of fuels by 2020.
 - » Clean Energy Vehicle Program renewed in 2015-16 budget (\$7.5 million on top of previous \$14.3 million) to incentivize the purchase of CEVs and related infrastructure development.
 - » Utilities may also offer incentives for purchase of natural gas vehicles (medium/heavy duty, marine, mining, locomotive) and related infrastructure development.