

## Future approach to Kyoto Protocol and/or climate change negotiations

- Canada should re-commit to the Kyoto regulations because it is an international dialogue between countries that encourages continued discussions on an international platform. While the Kyoto protocol is not perfect, we should commit to it until a better alternative presents itself.
  - We must assert ourselves as an independent country, and will not submit to the measures that the USA sets, no matter how persuasive they may seem.
- Use 1990 as a baseline for greenhouse gas emission reduction goals
- First ten years: focus on developing infrastructure that is renewable/green. Justifies a peak in greenhouse gas emissions with the hope that the infrastructure will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the future
  - Enforcement to ensure that we do not exceed the time limit or volume of carbon emissions calculated through government statistics

## Recommendations on what Canada's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets should be:

- Use 1990 as a baseline; implement a five-year revision program which takes into consideration current conditions
- Between now and 2015, there should be a grace period in which we may create sustainable infrastructure
- Starting in 2015, we must decrease our emissions
- 10% reduction by 2022
- 30% reduction in emissions by 2050: to be revised as conditions change

## Recommendations as to what role the federal/domestic government should have in setting policies on greenhouse gas emission reductions

- Funding education to support awareness about climate change
- Mandatory involvement of municipalities which establishes incentives for sustainable methods such as recycling, composting etc., and punishments for failing to meet quotas
- Media involvement to stimulate awareness of climate change
- Governments giving grants/tax reductions to reward environmentally-friendly behaviour
- National-scale cap and trade system established and enforced
- Contributions to public transport: discouraging cars and private transport. Rapid transit, accessible bicycles
- Set moratorium on expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure by 2030

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