

**Question:** Do you believe that the Government of Canada should subsidize the construction of new nuclear reactors in Ontario?

**Answer:** No.

The Green Party believes that nuclear energy is neither safe, nor clean, nor economically viable. Reactors cost billions of dollars, take more than a decade to build and operate unreliably after the first dozen years of operation.

Even if the industry were "green and clean" - which it is not, given the subsidiary environmental consequences including mining and transportation - it clearly fails on the economics. Taxpayer dollars should no longer be devoted to this economic sinkhole and environmental travesty.

We would stop subsidizing all phases of the nuclear industry and Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) and stop promoting CANDU reactors. We would also vigorously oppose the permitting of any new uranium mines and notify current uranium-permit holders of plans to phase out this industry in Canada.

The best alternative for Canada is investment in enhanced energy productivity through energy efficiency and conservation. Government investments must be focused in truly viable energy alternatives such as wind, solar, and tidal to move towards a sustainable energy infrastructure.

Sincerely,  
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