

NUCLEAR IS A DANGEROUS BET

After the Japanese Fukushima disaster, Ontario is now almost alone in continuing to pursue a big push for nuclear energy. Let's not kid ourselves: Ontario too experiences natural disasters and accidents, and we are fools if we think "it can never happen here." **A radioactive leak like Fukushima's into Lake Ontario would poison the drinking water of millions of people.**

Ask Tim Hudak to sign the electricity consumer protection pledge

Please ask Mr. Hudak to promise Ontario's hard working families that a PC government will not allow nuclear power companies to pass their cost overruns on to electricity consumers and taxpayers. It's time to put consumers and taxpayers first.

No more blank cheques for the nuclear industry.

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For more on Ontario's history of nuclear cost overruns, nuclear debt and the real potential cost of new nuclear projects, visit www.cleanairalliance.org.



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**THE BILLION
DOLLAR
QUESTION
THAT
TIM HUDAK
NEEDS TO
ANSWER:**

**Will he leave
taxpayers on
the hook for
nuclear project
bailouts?**



EVERY NUCLEAR PROJECT IN ONTARIO'S HISTORY HAS GONE MASSIVELY OVER BUDGET —

and it's the province's electricity consumers and taxpayers who end up paying the bills. In fact, we are still paying down the \$19 billion nuclear debt racked-up on previous nuclear projects.

If the nuclear industry is given another blank cheque to re-build its aging reactors at the Darlington Nuclear Station, Ontario's hard working families will once again be on the hook for billions of dollars of cost overruns.

WHERE DOES TIM HUDAK STAND?



Here's where Ontario's political leaders stand on nuclear bailouts:



Premier Dalton McGuinty, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath and Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner have all pledged that they won't allow nuclear power companies to pass their future cost overruns on to Ontario's consumers and taxpayers.



Unfortunately, Conservative Party Leader Tim Hudak has not said what he will do to protect taxpayers despite his party's strong support for expanding the use of nuclear power. We've asked — a number of times.

Here's why taxpayers need protection:

- The Government of Ontario has signed more than 1,000 contracts with solar, wind, biomass, water and natural gas-fired electricity suppliers. None of these suppliers are allowed to pass their cost overruns on to Ontario's consumers and taxpayers. Only nuclear projects get to stick consumers with their cost overruns. It's time to end this sweetheart deal.
- Ontario has plenty of lower cost options to keep its lights on. The cost of re-building Darlington will be 50% more than the cost of wind power, triple the cost of water power imports from Quebec or natural gas-fired generation, and five times more than what we are paying manufacturers to increase their energy efficiency.
- The cost of renewable energy is falling steadily while the cost of nuclear just goes up and up with every new safety and security measure.

Some things never change

The nuclear industry always says that its future projects will be on time and on budget. But try telling that to the citizens of New Brunswick who are watching costs soar and deadlines slip year-after-year on the re-building of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Reactor. Here in Ontario the re-building of the reactors at the Bruce Nuclear Station is years late and \$2 billion over budget — so far.

