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Ontario Clean Air Alliance 2022 Provincial Election Questionnaire

Question #1

Background Information

Ontario's plan to increase gas-fired electricity generation will cause greenhouse gas pollution to rise by 375% by 2030 and by more than 600% by 2040, according to the Independent Electricity System Operator. If this occurs Ontario will lose almost half of the climate change pollution reduction benefits it obtained by phasing out its dirty coal plants.

[Thirty-two Ontario municipalities](#), representing almost 60% of our province's population, have passed resolutions calling on the Government of Ontario to phase-out gas-fired electricity generation.

Our report, [Getting Ontario to a Zero-Carbon Electricity Grid by 2030](#), outlines how we can phase-out gas-fired electricity generation by 2030 with no risk of blackouts.

Question #1

If elected, will you create a net-zero carbon electricity grid for Ontario by 2030?

Answer: Yes _____ No _____ Undecided _____

Additional Comments:

[Under an NDP government, the electrical grid will achieve net-zero emissions by 2030, while maintaining affordability and reliability](#)

Question #2

Background Information

Ontario Power Generation is proposing to build an American designed GE-Hitachi nuclear reactor in the GTA . [The cost of electricity from this unproven technology is estimated to be more than double the price of electricity from energy efficiency, wind, solar or Quebec waterpower.](#)

If built, this new and untested nuclear reactor design will produce more radioactive waste that we don't know how to deal with. It will end up in a radioactive stockpile right beside Lake Ontario.

[According to a telephone survey conducted by Oraclepoll Research, only 16% of GTA voters support building a new GTA reactor before we have a permanent safe storage facility for nuclear waste.](#)

Question #2

If elected, will you implement a moratorium on the building of a new nuclear reactor in the GTA until we have a permanent safe storage facility for nuclear waste?

Answer: Yes _____ No _____ Undecided _____

Additional Comments:

[An NDP government will base all energy decisions on evidence and the public interest — prioritizing reliability, affordability, safety and environmental sustainability.](#)

Question #3

Background Information

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) wants to delay the dismantling of the Pickering Nuclear Station for 30 years after it is shut down even though according to the International Atomic Energy Agency, immediate dismantling is “the preferred decommissioning strategy” for nuclear plants.

While delaying its dismantling costs for 30 years is in OPG's financial self-interest, it is not in the best interests of its workers, the City of Pickering or Ontario's economy.

Immediate dismantling will allow existing Pickering Nuclear Station workers, who know this one-of-a-kind station best, to be involved in its dismantling. It will create 16,000 person-years of employment at the Pickering site during the first ten years after it is shut down.

Immediate dismantling will permit most of the 600-acre waterfront site to be returned to the local community by 2035 for parkland, recreational facilities, dining, entertainment, housing and other employment uses.

OPG already has more than enough money in its nuclear decommissioning fund to pay for the immediate dismantling of the Pickering Nuclear Station.

[In January 2020, Pickering City Council unanimously passed a resolution calling for the Pickering Nuclear Station to be dismantled as “expeditiously as possible” after it is shut down.](#)

For more information please download our report: [Making the Right Choice for Pickering’s Waterfront.](#)

Question #3

If elected, will you order OPG to immediately dismantle the Pickering Nuclear Station after it is shut down?

Answer: Yes_____No_____Undecided_____

Additional Comments:

[The NDP supports the preferred decommissioning strategy of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the City of Pickering](#)

Print Name

Signature

Date

Please return the questionnaire by March 28, 2022 to:

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