

Ask your K-W candidates to sign the Electricity Consumer Protection Pledge

Please ask your K-W candidates to promise that they will not allow OPG to pass its Darlington Re-Build cost overruns onto electricity consumers and taxpayers.

It's time to put consumers and taxpayers first. No more blank cheques for the nuclear industry.

Visit www.cleanairalliance.org to sign our Electricity Consumer Protection Pledge Petition and to learn more about safer and lower cost alternatives to nuclear energy and how Ontario can move toward a renewable electricity system.

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The OCAA is a coalition of health and environmental organizations, faith communities, municipalities, utilities, unions, corporations and individuals working for cleaner air through a coal phase-out and a shift to a renewable electricity future.

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The billion dollar question that K-W by-election candidates need to answer:

**Will they leave
YOU
on the hook for another
nuclear
bailout?**

Who is really going to take care of your money?

Every nuclear project in Ontario's history has gone massively over budget. On average, **Ontario's nuclear projects have cost more than twice their original cost estimates.** And it's the province's electricity consumers and taxpayers who end up paying the bills. In fact, we're still paying down the \$20 billion debt from previous nuclear fiascos.

But that hasn't stopped Ontario Power Generation (OPG) from proposing to re-build its Darlington Nuclear Station at a huge cost. And it hasn't stopped OPG from issuing a sole-source \$600 million contract to SNC-Lavalin *just to develop a plan* for re-building Darlington's aging reactors. **If this project proceeds, the total cost could be \$21-35 billion.**

This is a recipe for higher electricity prices and more debt for Ontario consumers. It's time to join the many other countries that are moving away from nuclear power and focus instead on fully developing lower cost and safer power options.

NUCLEAR DRIVING UP BILLS

According to the Ontario Energy Board, rising nuclear costs are responsible for 45% of the increase in Ontario's electricity generation prices over the past five years. Renewable energy, by comparison, has contributed just 6% to the increase.

There is a brighter way:

The Government of Ontario has signed more than 12,000 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 you with these bills. It's time to end these sweetheart deals.

Ontario has plenty of lower cost options to keep its lights on. The cost of re-building Darlington would be 50% more than the cost of wind power, triple the cost of water power imports from Quebec or natural gas-fired combined heat and power, and five times more than we are paying manufacturers to increase their energy efficiency.

Today, the cost of renewable energy is falling steadily while the cost of nuclear just goes up and up.

THE COST OF POWER PER KILOWATT-HOUR

Energy conservation and efficiency	2.3 to 4.6 cents
Water power imports from Quebec	5.8 cents
Combined heat and power	6 cents
Wind	11.5 cents
Nuclear - new and re-build	19 to 37 cents

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