

# Statement

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## Greenpeace welcomes Ontario's plan to put a price on carbon

**13 April 2015 (Toronto)** – In response to the Ontario government's announcement on carbon pricing, Keith Stewart, head of Greenpeace Canada's Climate and Energy team, said the following:

“Greenpeace congratulates Premier Kathleen Wynne on taking this important step towards implementing an economy that will put a price on carbon pollution. A strong, well-designed carbon price will help put Ontario on the path to a fossil fuel-free future, so we hope Premier Wynne will continue to listen to the people as the details of the cap-and-trade system are hammered out over the coming months. This weekend's Act on Climate March demonstrated yet again that there is strong public support for leaders to take a tougher stance on the growing threat of climate change. We look forward to working with the Government of Ontario to translate those aspirations into reality.”

Mike Hudema, a Greenpeace Canada Climate and Energy campaigner based in Alberta, added:

“It's shameful that Premier Jim Prentice won't be attending the summit tomorrow and that Alberta continues to lag behind while other provinces act, especially because rapidly rising tar sands emissions are holding the entire country back. If left unchecked, the increased pollution from tar sands expansion will negate all the benefits resulting from Ontario and Quebec's joint efforts on carbon pricing. Ontario, Quebec, B.C. and other provincial leaders can lead on climate and help Alberta by saying no to new tar sands pipelines, and yes to working with my home province in developing its bountiful renewable energy resources.”

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