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Alberta climate announcement a good step – real work still ahead

25 June 2015 (Edmonton) – In reaction to today's climate announcement from the Government of Alberta, Mike Hudema, a Greenpeace Canada climate and energy campaigner said:

“We are excited by the new open and consultative approach to climate policy put forward by Environment Minister Shannon Phillips and are glad the change to the existing carbon pricing regulation is just an interim measure since the minimal carbon price increase won't do much on its own.

“As the minister noted, much more substantial policies need to be implemented in order for the premier to make good on her promise for Alberta to be a climate leader. Those policies need to respect science and Indigenous knowledge, address tar sands expansion, and harness the tremendous potential Alberta has to move to renewables and sustainable transportation infrastructure. Ultimately, any credible climate policy will be evaluated on how much it reduces absolute carbon pollution and not simply slow the increases.

“We look forward to being part of those consultations and commend the minister for establishing a climate leadership team. We urge the minister to make science the foundation of Alberta's climate policy and to appoint climate scientists to the new committee.”

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