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Alberta's climate target should be set by science

14 August 2015 (Edmonton) – Following Alberta's government announcement on the climate change panel and its review of policy, Greenpeace Energy campaigner Mike Hudema said:

"We are concerned by today's announcement. Alberta's climate target should be set by science. The scientific consensus on the necessary reductions to keep warming below two degrees Celsius should be used to set the reduction target and the panel's job should be to advise on how to achieve those reductions. We are also concerned that the panel has several oil industry-affiliated representatives but doesn't have anyone from the renewable energy, efficiency or transportation sectors.

We do, however, look forward to working with the panel and will be actively encouraging Albertans to participate in the process. We congratulate the government on their stated commitment to First Nation communities, renewables and sustainable transportation options. All of these are valuable steps, but they need to be steps to meet the science not the politics."

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