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Trudeau cabinet offers hope for action on climate change – Greenpeace

4 November 2015 (Toronto) - In reaction to the announcement of the new Trudeau government cabinet, Keith Stewart, head of the Climate and Energy campaign at Greenpeace Canada said:

“Names matter, and we hope that the appointment of a Minister of Environment and Climate Change indicates that Canada’s federal government is at last ready to take real action in the fight against climate change.

“We congratulate all of the new cabinet members, especially Catherine McKenna, who as Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, will have a pivotal role to play in Canada’s transition away from fossil fuels and towards a 100% renewable economy by 2050. We are delighted to welcome climate scientist and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change author Kirsty Duncan as Minister of Science.

“As Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Nunavut MP Hunter Tootoo is well-placed to take stronger steps to promote international efforts to protect the Arctic and its inhabitants from the threats of climate change, oil drilling and destructive industrial fishing.

“The Trudeau government must now uphold the Liberal Party’s electoral promises to reverse the damage of the Harper era policies. This will require restoring the independence and inclusiveness of the environmental assessment process, re-establishing legal protections for fish habitat and Canada’s lakes and rivers, and working with the provinces to develop a credible climate plan that meets the challenges of a growing climate crisis.”

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