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## **Jobs report shows Alberta's employment prospects could skyrocket through green economy investments**

**22 April 2016 (Edmonton)** – Greenpeace Canada, the Alberta Green Economy Network and Gridworks Energy Group have released a new report "[100,000+ jobs: Getting Albertans back to work by building a low-carbon future](#)", which outlines how Alberta can put people back to work and create over 145,000 jobs by investing in renewables, energy efficiency and sustainable transportation.

The exhaustively researched report was released at a news conference in Edmonton today, with representatives from the renewable energy industry, Louis Bull First Nation and Greenpeace joining the author to explain how the time is ripe for the provincial government to invest in the fast-growing green economy – to provide jobs as well as a livable climate.

"We know many Albertans are hurting right now so we took a comprehensive look at the sectors that have the biggest job potential," said report co-author David Thompson. "What we found is that prioritizing renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainable transportation could create more than 145,000 jobs and get Albertans back to work right away building Alberta's low-carbon economy."

The report shows how a combination of policy and investments targeting green energy, public transit and energy efficiencies could put thousands of Albertans back to work at a time of record low oil prices and record job losses in the oil sands.

"The Alberta government has already announced initial investments in renewables, retrofitting and sustainable transportation through its carbon price," said Greenpeace's Mike Hudema. "This report shows not only this is the right direction but we need to speed the move. Alberta has the trained workforce and it has incredible renewable potential. Now is the time to embrace the opportunity, put people back to work and build a sustainable energy economy."

The report was released on Earth Day, which is also the day world leaders gathered in New York at the United Nations to ratify the climate agreement forged in Paris last December. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau endorsed the agreement, which commits Canada to do its part to stabilize global temperature increases as close to 1.5 degrees Celsius as possible.

A rapid shift to renewable energy will be required in every province and territory in order for Canada to meet its climate obligations.

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