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You can't trust Ed Stelmach on climate change

"Now it's time for Albertans to decide who they trust to manage Alberta's growth, and make the most of this unique moment in our history." (Ed Stelmach, Edmonton Journal, Feb. 5, 2008)

Edmonton – At a press conference this morning, bumbling PC Leader Ed Stelmach said the Alberta Liberal action plan on climate change would put on “hard (emission) caps going back to Kyoto levels.”

Stelmach is wrong. The Alberta Liberal action plan is not based on the targets set out in the Kyoto Protocol. It is impossible to meet Kyoto emissions targets because so much time has lapsed in which the Alberta government has done nothing on climate change. The Alberta Liberal action plan on climate change outlines a “made-in-Alberta” solution.

Stelmach: “The other (Alberta Liberal) plan destroys 335,000 jobs.”

Stelmach is wrong: The Alberta Liberal action plan would include consultations with industry that would protect employment. Besides, in the PC war room attack release on Friday, Stelmach indicated this number represents EVERY SINGLE JOB currently tied to the oilsands. Clearly, Stelmach doesn't know what he's talking about.

A Canadian Press report on the press conference stated: “Stelmach could not clearly explain where he got the numbers.”

Stelmach: “I'm for good change for Albertans. I am not for radical change.”

Stelmach is wrong: Taking real action on climate change is what Albertans want. It is what should have been done five years ago. Instead, Stelmach served in the cabinet of the PC government that spent \$1.5 million on advertising promoting the untruth that climate change doesn't exist.

An Alberta Liberal government would implement an action plan on climate change that:

- Establishes an absolute cap on greenhouse gas emissions from all sources, to take effect five years after forming government, through an active partnership with the energy industry;
- Ensures that Alberta's royalty system supports the protection of our air, land and water;
- Improves building code standards to reduce energy use;
- Supports increased use of public transportation, recycling and composting;
- Promotes cleaner renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind and geothermal power;
- Implements appropriate financial and economic incentives to develop carbon capture and storage technology.

Stelmach and his desperate government are going back to the politics of fear. It's not going to work.

It's time for a leader you can trust on climate change.

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