

Federal Carbon Tax Not Beneficial to Environment



The federal carbon tax in its present form provides no benefit to the environment.

How does collecting a carbon tax and giving it back, without providing any public service, be of benefit?

The tax is a cash grab to enrich the bureaucracy. The federal government does not provide any public services for the mitigation of pollution. Authority and responsibility for treatment of waste and pollutants is that of the provincial and municipal governments.

The federal carbon tax, not being equally applied to all provinces, violates section 15(1) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Why does the federal government choose to discriminate with the carbon tax against the people of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and New Brunswick?

The Ontario Ministry of Environment was created in 1972. Since then, proven scientific endeavours continually improved quality of the environment in the province until recently. Improvement stopped when environmental management became based on politics instead of science. The present Ontario government is now removing this political interference on the mitigation of environmental problems and reinstating proven scientific methods.

Why does the federal government issue a tax that inhibits successful provincial and municipal environmental protection programs?

Environment Canada was established 45 years ago to provide environmental analyses. Since then, mitigation of environmental problems has been successfully done by private industries with regulation by provincial and municipal governments. The federal government should not interfere with this successful mitigation of environmental problems.

Over the last 45 years, Canadian industries have developed and used the best technology for pollution control. However, these industries have to compete with foreign industries that operate at lower environmental protection standards. This makes it harder for industries in Canada to be economically viable. Instead of taxing Canadian made goods, tariffs should be charged on goods made by foreign industries that are still operating at lower environmental protection standards and are responsible for most of the world's pollution.

Environmental programs are effective and efficient when they are based on scientific fact and proven technology. To enable the provincial and municipal programs that are of benefit to the environment, the federal carbon tax must be removed and the federal government must not interfere in any way. <