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Dion Admits It: Liberal's "Green Shift" Is an Attack on Saskatchewan and Alberta

In a story in today's Globe and Mail, Liberal Leader Stephane Dion admits his "Green Shift" carbon tax plan will hit Saskatchewan and Alberta hard.

Dion said Saskatchewan and Alberta will have to change their habits, but it will be good for them, and the two provinces will be better off "10 years from now."

Saskatchewan Energy and Resources Minister Bill Boyd calls Dion's attitude "appallingly arrogant."

"I think Saskatchewan is doing pretty well right now, but Mr. Dion wants to put us back in our place and tell us he knows what's best for us," Boyd said. "Mr. Dion's 'green shaft' plan is a flat-out attack on our new prosperity here in Saskatchewan, it's going to hit every Saskatchewan resident hard, and we shouldn't stand for it."

"I don't put much faith in some vague Liberal promise that we'll be better off 10 years from now, just like their promise to eliminate the GST," Boyd said.

Boyd said Dion's plan is old-style Liberal politics – trying to curry favour in the east at the expense of the west.

"It's just like Trudeau's National Energy Program, and it took us years to recover from that," Boyd said.

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