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NDP SILENT ON GREEN SHIFT AND CAP AND TRADE

New Democrats refuse to defend Saskatchewan.

Your Saskatchewan Party government has consistently defended our province's interests by voicing its objection to greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reduction schemes that would have a negative impact on Saskatchewan's economy and threaten our new "have" province status.

There are two proposed initiatives: the federal Liberals' "Green Shift" plan and the cap & trade system proposed by several other provinces. Both would cost Saskatchewan hundreds of millions of dollars without substantially reducing GHG emissions, if at all.

Saskatchewan New Democrats have yet to take a position on either the Liberal "Green Shift" or cap & trade plans.

"I think it is important the people of Saskatchewan know where the NDP stand on this important issue," said Environment Minister Nancy Heppner. "Lorne Calvert was content to let Saskatchewan be a "have-not" province in the past. His silence on these plans implies support. Both of these plans would transfer hard-earned money from Saskatchewan to other jurisdictions. Is Calvert content to have Saskatchewan return to "have-not" status through either of these wealth-transfer schemes?"

Heppner argues that technology offers made-in-Saskatchewan solutions that will result in real GHG reductions.

"The SaskPower clean coal/carbon capture demonstration project at the Boundary Dam is expected to reduce SaskPower's greenhouse gas emissions by about one million tonnes per year. It would be one of the first and largest clean coal/carbon capture demonstration projects in the world."

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