

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Editor:

As British Columbia's new environment minister, I was extremely disappointed with your recent criticism of B.C.'s climate change plan.

Our government is committed to addressing climate change and we have a made-in-B.C. plan to do just that. Our 40-point action plan sets out a target of maintaining B.C.'s current position as the province with the third lowest greenhouse gas emissions per capita. We are well on our way to doing this, as the majority of actions have already seen significant progress.

B.C. now has a goal of acquiring 50 per cent of all new electricity from clean sources – a goal that has been met and exceeded in the past four years. Furthermore, the Province is investing almost \$1 billion on projects like rapid transit and energy efficiency that will help us tackle climate change. And in our latest budget we introduced a number of initiatives, including a PST exemption on hybrid cars, up to a maximum of \$2,000.

With our government's renewed commitment to environmental sustainability in the decade ahead, I'll be working with my colleagues to see that B.C.'s plan is implemented and we continue to do our part in addressing climate change.

Sincerely,

Barry Penner  
Minister of Environment