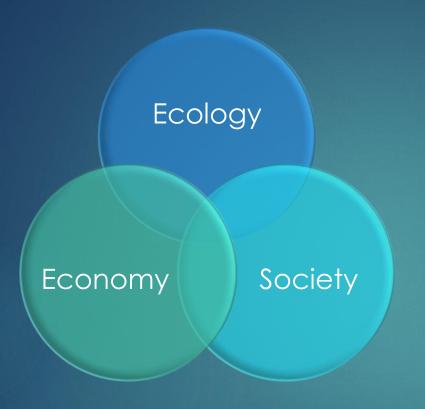
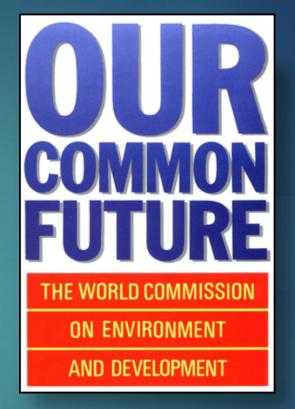
# The Challenge of Sustainable Electricity

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OCTOBER 19, 2017



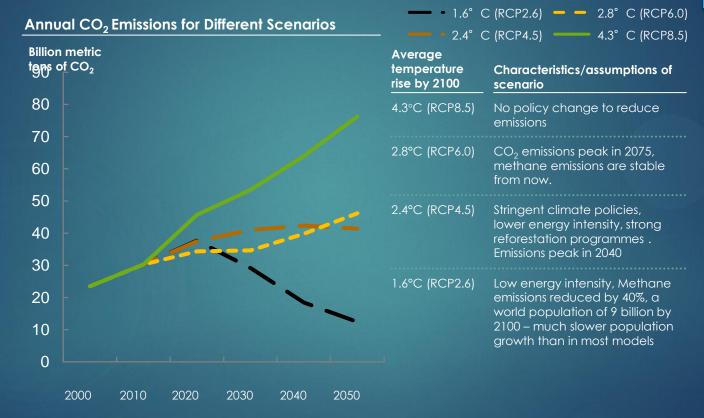


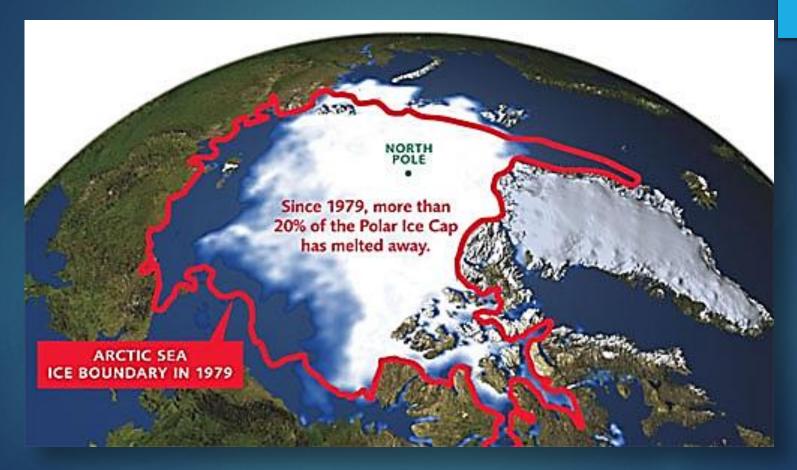
"Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"

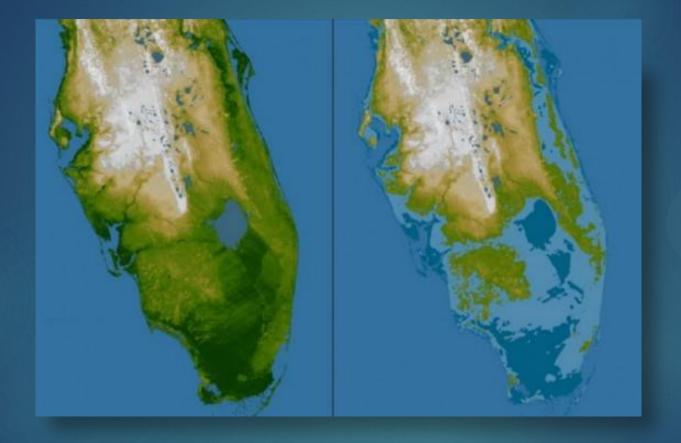
# ≈ 30 years later



# The world is currently on track for warming of around 3 - 4°C



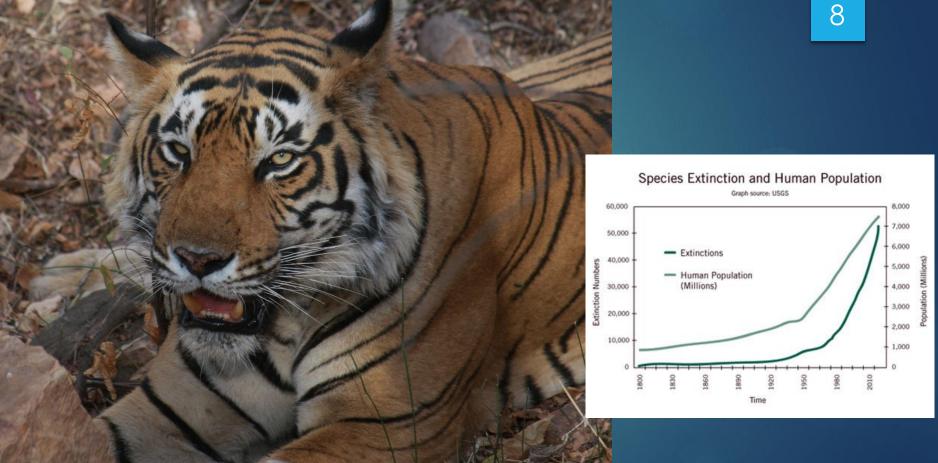




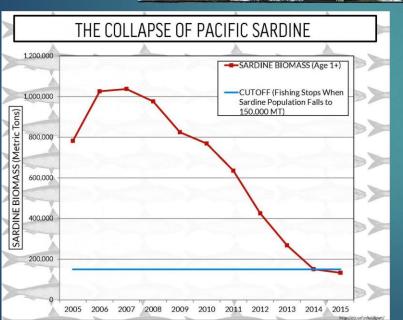
Potential Sea Level Rise in Florida

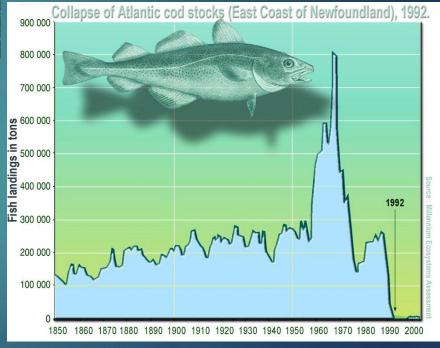


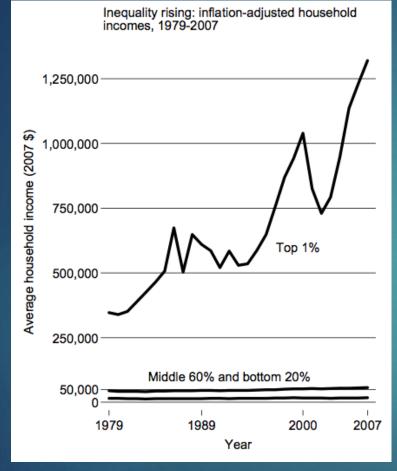


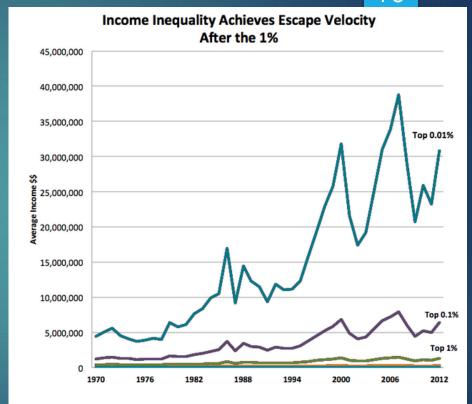






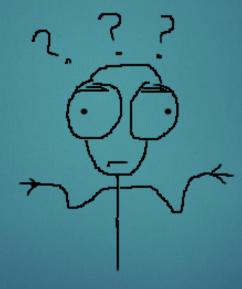




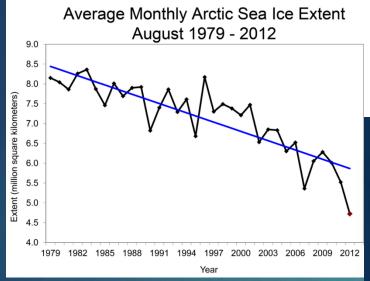


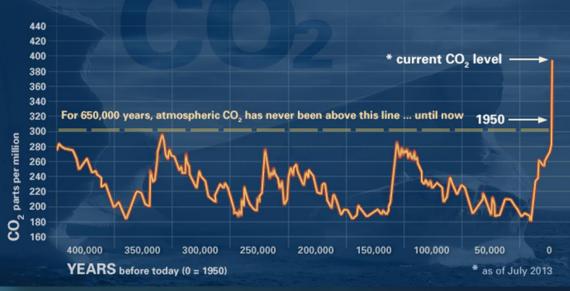
"A reasonably equitable distribution of income is thought by individuals of liberal disposition to be politically virtuous; in fact, it is economically highly functional." JKG

#### Given what we know, why don't we act?



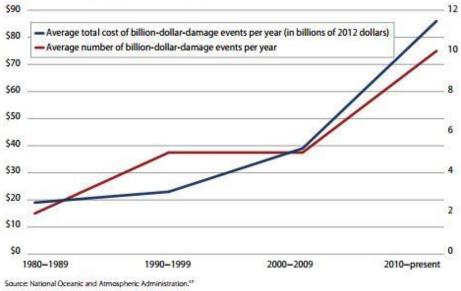
#### Solid scientific evidence

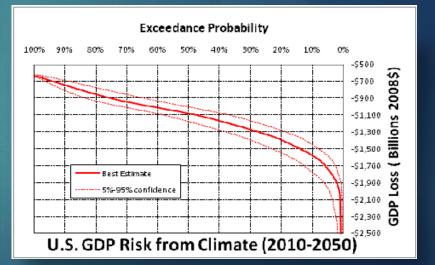




#### Solid economic evidence







### Corporate social responsibility



"Traditional corporate social responsibility is failing to deliver, for both companies and society"

McKinsey & Company, 2013

### A Brief History in Electricity

- Darlington 10 years late \$12 billion over budget Davies/Peterson
- ➤ 30 years of debt payments
- ▶ 1993 recession electricity rates rising, capped by NDP Bob Rae
- Conservatives promise free market electricity system to lower rates Harris
- ► After 100s of millions spent market opens and prices spike, Conservatives cap electricity prices and abandon retail market Eves
- Investment flees, brownouts predicted, system in poor repair
- ► Liberals promise to fix broken electricity system, McGuinty elected, creates OPA and starts rapid infrastructure renewal

And then there is forecasting...

1970s

1980s

1990s

2000s

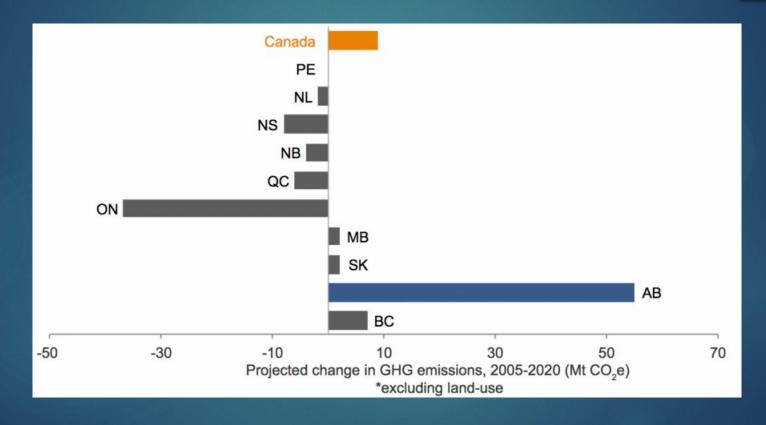
2010s

# Shutting down coal

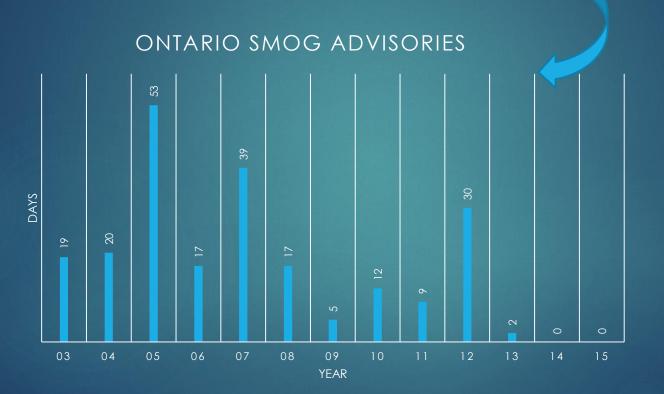




#### Canada



#### Last coal power plant in Ontario closes





Lakeview



Bruce



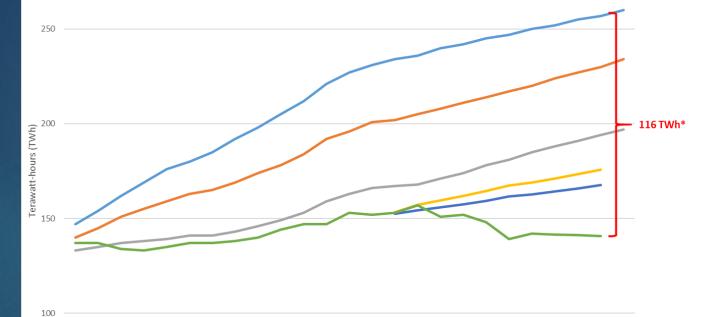
Pickering



Lambton

#### Ontario Electricity Load Forecasts Compared to Actual

Sources: Providing the Balance of Power: Ontario Hydro's Plan to Serve Customer's Electricity Needs (Ontario Hydro, 1989). Ontario Demand Forecast from January 2004 to December 2013 (IMO, 2003). IESO.



\*DSP Upper forecast vs actual demand equivalent to 5 additional Pickering nuclear generating stations

——DSP Upper ——DSP Median ——DSP Lower ——IMO Upper ——IMO Median ——Actual

# Green Energy What went wrong... And right!

A "government approach"

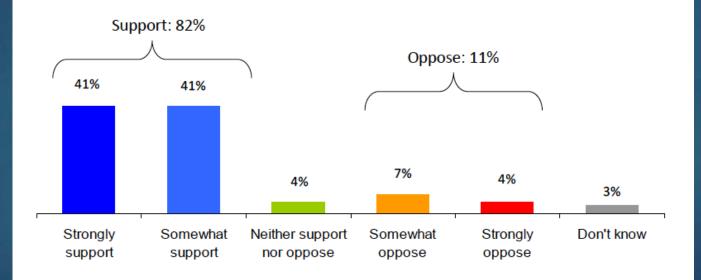
Minister dictates a plan

Bureaucrats told to implement it

# Over 80% liked the idea of the Government's Green Energy Plan ...



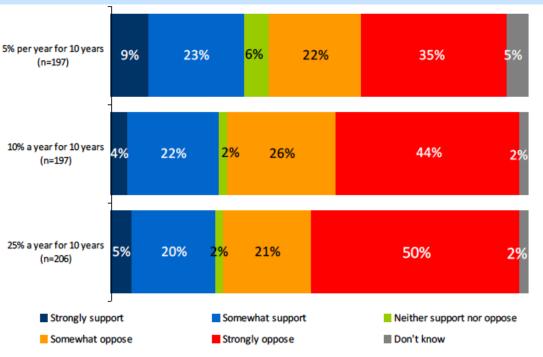
The government is developing a plan that will encourage conservation, meets new demand, replaces aging infrastructure and shifts Ontario electricity generation to more environmentally friendly types of electricity generation. Do you support or oppose the government adopting a plan that will focus on encouraging conservation, meeting new demand, replacing aging infrastructure and making Ontario electricity generation to more environmentally friendly? (Nov 2010)



n=600

# ... but even at 5% annual increase, a majority opposed paying for it

Electricity prices will have to rise to pay for that plan. The more we pay, the more quickly we can implement the plan. Would you support or oppose implementing that plan if your electricity bill will grow by ... (Sample split into 3) (Nov 2010)



#### It's the resource base stupid

- Comparing electricity rates between jurisdictions with different supply options, economic structures and resource opportunities is pointless
- Why are Quebec and Manitoba the cheapest jurisdictions in North America – Clever politicians? Brilliant utility managers?
- Comparing Ontario electricity rates to North American jurisdictions with similar economic structure and resource availability and guess what....
- Ontario electricity rates are lower than most jurisdictions with similar populations, economies and resource base. People in New York and LA pay well over double what Ontarians pay

"Any politician who promises low electricity rates is selling a lie"
Bruce Lourie, Toronto Star, Feb. 23, 2017

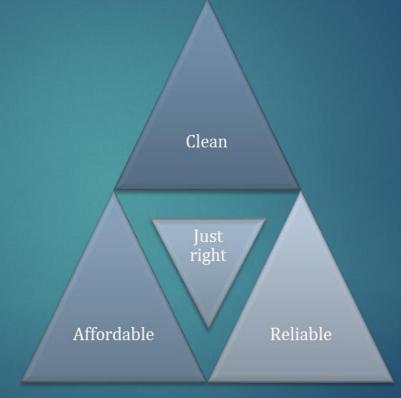
"NDP Leader Horwath says she can chop electricity rates by 30 percent" Toronto Star, Feb. 27, 2017

"Premier Kathleen Wynne will slash electricity rates by 25 percent"
Toronto Star, Mar. 1, 2017

#### The Global Electricity Context

- ▶ 2001 to 2014 an 86 percent increase in US electricity rates
- ▶ New York \$0.21 per kilowatt hour
- ► Australia \$0.36 per kilowatt hour
- ► Germany \$0.40 per kilowatt hour
- ▶ Denmark \$0.50 per kilowatt hour
- ▶ My Toronto blended rate \$0.084
- ▶ 40 percent use 60 percent delivery etc

### Electricity Trilemma



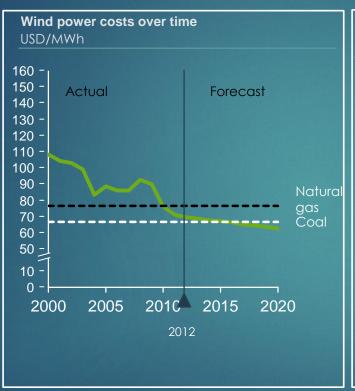
# The Electricity Imperative

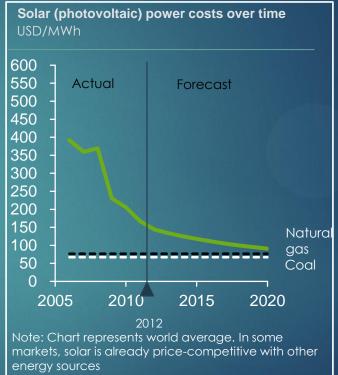
Fossil fuels are decreasing, and electricity use is increasing.

This is the largest economic transition since the industrial revolution.

It's up to us to shape it.

#### Wind and solar costs fall rapidly over time

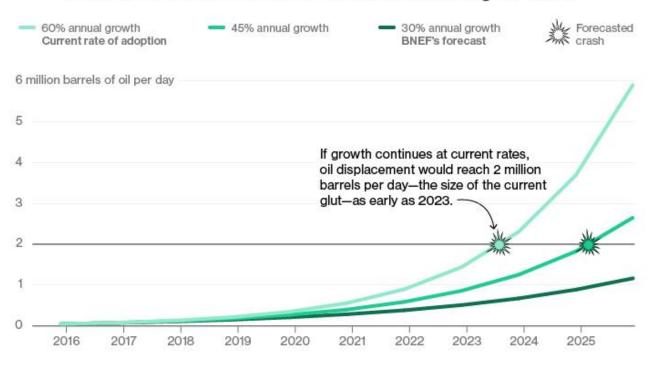




Note: Assuming coal price of 70 USD/tonne and gas price of 10 USD/Mmbtu. Assuming a 35% capacity factor for wind power i.e. 35% utilisation, and a 15% capacity factor for solar power

#### **Predicting the Big Crash**

The amount of oil displaced by electric cars depends on when vehicle sales take off. Here are three scenarios for rising EV sales.



Source: Data compiled by Bloomberg



# Disruption

**Tesla market cap: \$50bn** 84,000 cars sold in 2016

**GM market cap: \$50bn** 10 million cars sold in 2016

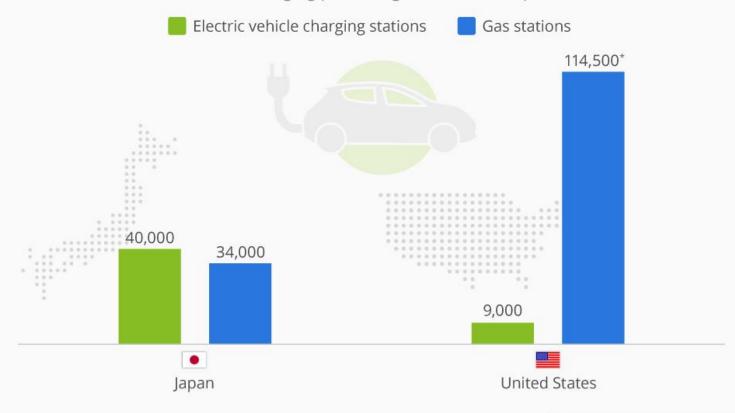


"All the geniuses here at General Motors kept saying lithium-ion technology is 10 years away, and Toyota agreed with us – and boom, along comes Tesla. So I said, 'How come some tiny little California startup, run by guys who know nothing about the car business, can do this, and we can't?' That was the crowbar that helped break up the log jam."

- GM's then-Vice Chairman Robert Lutz

#### **Japan Has More Car Charging Points Than Gas Stations**

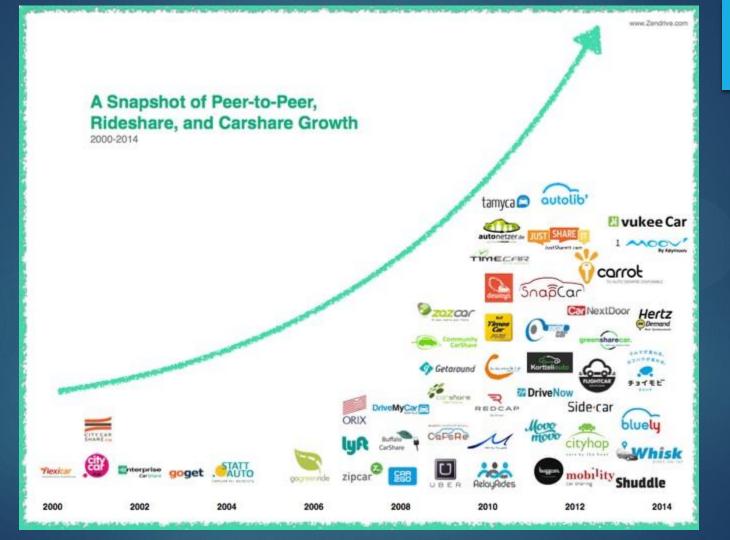
Estimated number of vehicle charging points & gas stations in Japan and the U.S. (2016)





\* 2012, latest estimate available Sources: Nissan, Japan Times

Forbes statista



# Efficiency, Not Waste

"Energy efficiency is the most abundant, cheapest way to reduce GHG emissions."





The Conference Board of Canada®

"The adoption of significant energy efficiency measures offers low-cost options for reducing GHG emissions."



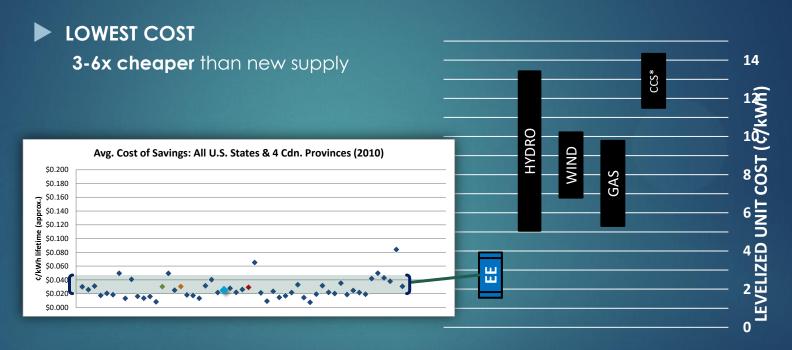
"Increasing energy efficiency should be a policy goal for Canada [...] as a way to mitigate climate change"



"Energy efficiency [is] a mainstream tool for economic and social development."

Source: Dunsky

#### Energy Efficiency Most Cost-effective



Source: Dunsky

#### More Power To You

Communities, businesses and even residents will shift from being passive electricity users, to engaged electricity producers – with much greater control over the cost, quality, and quantity of our electricity.

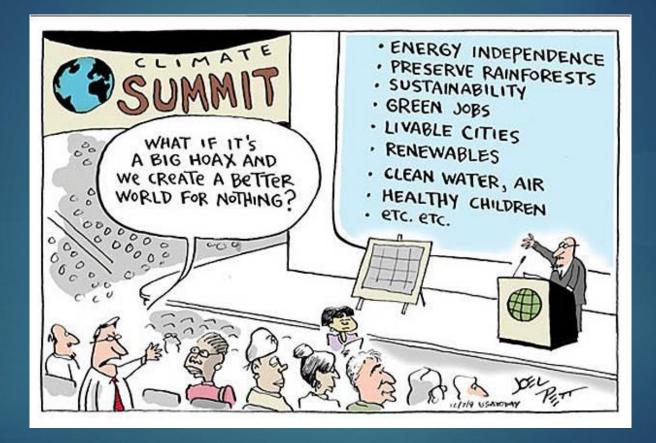
We have to stop subsidizing everyone, and target help where it's most needed.



#### Engaged and responsible

- ► Take responsibility and demonstrate leadership e.g. resource stewardship, resource efficiency
- Accept that real, genuine change is not only necessary but inevitable, so get ahead of the market transformation curve
- Find constructive allies (avoid destructive allies)
- Understanding disruptive business models, circular economy, shifts in capital market governance
- ➤ Shift perspective: project → company → sector → society
- From interest-based to solutions-based
- ▶ Help shape renewed role for public policy

Today's electricity system is the result of 50 years of choices. Now, we have new choices and the chance to build a new system for the 21st century



#### Thank you

