

PETITION CALLING FOR REAL ACTION TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Saskatchewan, wish to bring to your attention the following:

- The United Nations has declared climate change “the defining issue of our time.” Climate change impacts are global in scope and unprecedented in scale. Without drastic action today, adapting to impacts in the future will be more difficult and costly.
- The latest report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change approved by 195 member governments clearly establishes the role of human influence on the climate system. The report points to alarming evidence that important tipping points, leading to irreversible changes in major ecosystems and the planetary climate system, may already have been reached or passed.
- “Rapid and far reaching” transitions in land, energy, industry, buildings, transport, and cities are required to limit global temperature increase to 1.5°C and avoid irrevocable and devastating impacts. Global emissions need to fall by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030, and reach ‘net zero’ by 2050 in order to prevent this from happening.
- Parliamentarians have a vital role in tackling the climate crisis, including establishing the necessary legislation and policy frameworks to transition social, economic and land-based practices to avoid climate catastrophe.
- Saskatchewan’s total greenhouse gas emissions were 75 million metric tonnes in 2019, representing more than ten percent of Canada’s overall emissions inventory, despite comprising only 3 percent of the national population and the highest GHG emission intensity of all Canadian provinces, at 876 tonnes CO₂e per million dollars of GDP in 2018.
- That the provincial government has failed to produce a credible plan to reduce emissions. This failure of government will have devastating impacts on the province’s economic productivity, human and environmental health.
- Climate change is causing significant harm to our province’s agricultural sector and the government’s failure to protect wetlands and water resources is leading to increasing Provincial Disaster Assistance Program claims.

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan:

Call on the provincial government to enact a credible Climate Action Plan and allocate appropriate funding to ensure real reductions in Saskatchewan’s greenhouse gas emissions that are consistent with the scientific consensus to limit global warming to 1.5°C.

Name (print)

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Signature

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Please note: The name and address of the persons who sign this petition may be made available to the public if the petition is in proper form to be presented in the Legislative Assembly.

**TO ENSURE THIS PETITION IS TABLED IN THE LEGISLATURE, please return to:
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