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## **WESTERN ARCTIC MP LAUNCHES**

### **“GREENER CANADA AND WORLD” STRATEGY**

**OTTAWA** — Western Arctic MP and NDP Energy Critic Dennis Bevington launched the party's 'Greener Canada and World' Strategy in Ottawa today. This set of realistic proposals to help conserve energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, attract green investment and create jobs is the fifth plank in the NDP's 5-point Green Agenda for Canada.

The Strategy would greatly benefit the North by helping to slow the impacts of Global Climate Change, the effects of which are being felt first in the Arctic. The Strategy will show to Canadians and the world that the Federal government can be a model to follow for reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

“Within seven years, the 'Greener Canada and World' Strategy would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 60 megatonnes and cost the Government of Canada \$802 million each year,” said Bevington.

The fifth component of the Agenda is comprised of the following proposals:

1. Negotiate with the territories and provinces to adopt fixed price strategies for renewable power, as is done in Europe, to make it a more financially attractive option for small scale producers.
2. Place a priority on ensuring wind turbines and solar panels are made in Canada, providing large new markets for existing and emerging industries.
3. Help other countries develop sustainability by providing Canadian green energy technology to developing countries, as part of Kyoto's clean development mechanism. This provides Canadian businesses with new export opportunities, helps spread the use of non-polluting technology and provides Canada emissions credits.
4. Live up to Canada's international agreements by reversing the current government's position and the past government's record through committing to meet or exceed the legally binding targets agreed upon when Canada signed on to the Kyoto accord.
5. Extend existing moratoria on oil and gas drilling off British Columbia's coast, in the Great Lakes, and on the George's Bank off the coast of Nova Scotia.
6. Set and meet a target of 10,000 megawatts of wind generation by 2010, by providing financial help to wind generation projects across Canada with a base support of 1.5 cents per kilowatt hour.

7. Retrofit 75 per cent of federal government and Crown corporation facilities, to bring them to the highest standards currently available.
8. Move to a target of 100 per cent of government and Crown corporation power purchases coming from renewable sources, helping to create guaranteed markets for new, sustainable Canadian power generation.
9. Require that all new government and Crown corporation buildings be constructed to meet the highest possible energy efficiency standard, and incorporate solar heating technology into all new government building designs.
10. Expand current purchasing requirements for Energy Star goods and equipment to include all Crown corporations.
11. Help coal-dependent provinces replace polluting power with cleaner alternatives through an east-west electricity grid that makes it easier for them to receive hydro power from Manitoba, Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador.

"We have to take a firm stand on becoming more energy efficient. The time to put these ideas into action is now to ensure that Canada and the North work together towards cleaning up and protecting our environment," said Bevington.

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