

# NDP's Solar Energy Plan the only workable plan

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**OTTAWA** - NDP Energy Critic, Dennis Bevington showed that the New Democratic Party is the only political party with workable ideas for developing Canada's solar industry. Speaking at the Canadian Solar Industries Association's 2006 conference Bevington took delegates through the broad strokes of how the NDP would support the solar industry.

"Today we heard from the other parties and we are the only ones with ideas which will help the Canadian solar industry grow," said Bevington. "The Conservatives want to wait until market forces move to support this important industry - that's simply not good enough."

Bevington also dismissed the comments from the Liberal Party which had 13 years in government but failed to deliver.

The NDP's solar initiatives are part of the party's five part Green Agenda for Canada.

The NDP would:

- o recognize the big picture of conservation and clean energy through a national energy strategy
- o create a Model National Building Code that can ensure integration of solar in buildings
- o empower municipalities through enhanced programs like the Green Fund and to encourage communities to develop land and building lots according to solar principles;
- o create a 100,000 solar roof/wall program for solar thermal energy, to help develop a marketplace; and
- o negotiate with the provinces and territories to adopt fixed price strategies for renewable power.

The New Democratic Party of Canada's website [www.ndp.ca](http://www.ndp.ca) has more details on the party's Green Agenda for Canada.

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