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**BEVINGTON DENOUNCES BAIRD'S SCARE MONGERING**  
**Environment Minister's incomplete, inaccurate and irresponsible report a sham**

OTTAWA - The Federal Environment Minister is once again resorting to fear tactics instead of working to address climate change. Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington and the NDP say the Environment Minister's incomplete, inaccurate and irresponsible report falsely claims that Canadians have to choose between jobs and the environment.

"The Kyoto protocol provides many flexible mechanisms for countries to meet their obligations," says Bevington. "This report fails to take into account the positive effects of implementing Kyoto and falls back on fear and smear. In the new green economy taking hold, the winners will be those businesses that can adapt to it. The government should help Canadian industry to adapt quickly."

Six months ago NDP Leader Jack Layton called on the Prime Minister to send his doomed "Clean Air Act" to a special all-party parliamentary committee. That committee has now completed its work and the so-called "Clean Air Act" has been completely re-written. The new bill will get Canada on track to honour its Kyoto obligations once and for all.

"As Jack Layton asked in the House of Commons today: When will the Prime Minister call the re-written Clean Air Act Bill C-30 back to the House so that Parliamentarians can debate it and vote on it?," asked Paul Dewar (Ottawa-Centre). "The Prime Minister must stop hiding behind incomplete, inaccurate and irresponsible reports to make the bogus claim that it's jobs or the environment."

Bevington added that nothing puts our economic future more at risk than failing to act quickly on climate change.

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