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Clean Energy BC - 2020 Election Questions

Thank you for providing us with an opportunity to respond to your survey regarding clean energy.

We all know that the world is moving away from oil within our lifetimes. BC is well placed for this challenge with our strong clean and green hydro resources that provide all of our electricity.

That is why we were shocked and disappointed to learn of John Horgan and the BC NDP's plan, through Bill 17, to enable increased imports of dirty coal and natural gas-powered electricity from the United States. This comes at the expense of building clean energy projects here at home, many of which are Indigenous-led. For example, California, which generates almost half its power from natural gas, was among the U.S. states from which the NDP bought electricity so far this year.

Multiple First Nations and environmental groups spoke out against Bill 17, calling for it to be shelved due to a lack of consultation and the impact it would have on First Nations who derive economic benefits from clean power projects.

The BC Liberal Party would respond to your three questions as follows:

1. The best way to ensure our electricity is clean is to generate it here in BC. The BC Liberals will support investments in renewable energy and next-generation clean energy and technology solutions.
2. Our platform supports increased electrification through a commitment to support investments in renewable energy and next-generation clean energy and technology solutions. Electrification is a key component of balancing our climate goals while ensuring people benefit from BC's natural resources.
3. We are proud to see the benefits that investments in clean power projects have provided First Nations to date. Our platform commits to actively support the right of First Nations to negotiate for the economic benefit of their peoples with additional supports from the Province, including renewing capacity funding. Additionally, the BC Liberals would provide financing mechanisms to enable First Nations to access affordable capital to co-invest in revenue-generating economic opportunities.

Our next challenge is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation and buildings. That means that we will need to invest in making electric transportation more widely available, and updating our building codes.

We are proud of BC's ability to innovate through clean technology. So, let's kick-start the change by planning for solar and wind power, preparing for increased reliance on electricity instead of oil, and making BC a leader once again in climate policy.