

CLEAN ENERGY VOTE

Why the Clean Energy Vote?

Clean Energy BC is a non-partisan organization with the mandate to sustain and further develop a viable renewable electricity industry in British Columbia. Recognizing the importance of a strong local renewable electricity industry to continue decarbonizing our economy, uphold reconciliation commitments through strong partnerships with First Nations, and pursue sustainable economic development for COVID-19 recovery, Clean Energy BC urges all parties and candidates to consider these key points:

- **The private sector is here to help.** The renewable electricity sector is here to support BC's transition to a sustainable future through the development of effective climate policy and fuel-switching to renewable electricity. We will do this at a greater speed, lower financial risk and with less cost than any new alternative; thus providing BC ratepayers, BC Hydro, and the BC government with affordable and best value renewable electricity.
- **Regionally diverse opportunities.** Renewable electricity projects are operating throughout all regions of the province, providing long-term stable jobs. This infrastructure should be recognized for the local economic development value it provides communities and municipal governments through tax revenues.
- **Building strong First Nation partnerships.** The renewable electricity sector has developed strong relationships with First Nations — through full-ownership, partial-ownership, equity partnerships, revenue sharing or impact benefit agreements. Many First Nations are active leaders in the renewable electricity industry as Independent Power Producers.
- **Continued support for BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative.** This program has successfully provided funding to advance First Nations' communities readiness and built capacity to pursue renewable electricity projects. The proven effectiveness of this initiative needs to be recognized and funding should be continued.