

# Canada's future is **unbuilt.**

The federal government has set ambitious targets for emissions reduction by 2030 and a goal to be net zero by 2050.

The reality is that to meet these targets, we need to invest in technology and infrastructure at a scale and pace never before seen in Canadian history.

This will require record levels of investment in many areas including critical minerals; power generation and transmission; hydrogen manufacturing and export capacity; low carbon energy; and small modular reactors.

***With our current regulatory systems, Canada will not be able to approve, let alone build, the projects we need to achieve our targets.***

Canadians support responsible and sustainable development. This includes working with Indigenous communities to co-develop economic opportunities and ensure their participation throughout a project's lifecycle. We must ensure that review and permitting processes for major projects achieve these outcomes.

However, Canada's existing regulatory review and permitting systems are not up to the challenge of meeting our climate targets. They are time-consuming, unpredictable, and complex. They don't always fully enable the necessary engagement and participation of Indigenous communities.

Consequently, Canada is not seen as a place that can get projects built—and that has a big cost. If we cannot improve the process, our country will likely lose out on important low or zero carbon initiatives, strategic investments, and tens of thousands of jobs across the country.

In Budget 2023, the federal government noted that it should not take 12 years to build a critical minerals mine.

We agree. We cannot accept the status quo. It is time to make projects happen faster in Canada.

A growth strategy for Canada that enables major development to support both our environmental and economic goals must have efficient, practical, and responsible regulatory structures at its foundation.

We are encouraged by the initial steps the federal government has committed to taking to improve Canada's regulatory framework, streamline approval timelines, and create efficiencies within regulatory bodies.

And we are committed to working with the federal government to help improve the participation, predictability, and process of major project approvals, and to ensure major projects get built with the rigour, safety, and inclusive approach Canadians demand.

We believe that Canada can create a world-class regulatory system that safeguards the Indigenous, health, safety, cultural, and environmental imperatives of responsible development.

We believe that we can create a system that not only enables Canada to meet its climate objectives but can be a competitive advantage to attract investment and seize economic opportunities that will improve the quality of life of all Canadians.

Building this will take a whole of government effort. We are a coalition of business, Indigenous, labour, environmental, and policy groups. Each of us is committed to advancing regulatory excellence. While we come from diverse perspectives, we collectively agree that Canada's regulatory system needs improvement and stand ready to work with government to do it.

**Let's ensure our future is built. Together.**

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