Write a letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney

It's time that the Federal government hears from us. Below are some pointers to make writing easier. Remember that you **don't need to write a long letter**, as they will probably just record if you are in favour or not on certain topics.

IDEA: Send a free Christmas card by Canada Post! Letters to M.P.s require no postage.

A few tips:

- Make it personal in your opening and closing
- Keep your tone polite
- Consider an alternative positive vision (more below)

Email: Prime Minister Mark Carney: mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Or mail **free**: Office of the Prime Minister, 80 Wellington Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Consider sending additional emails to key ministers:

> *If you want to send emails to other Ministers or your M.P. please send a direct email. Copying (using c.c.) is not as effective and is not counted in the same way as those addressed TO the elected rep.*

Tim Hodgson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources: tim.hodgson@parl.gc.ca

Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change: ministre-minister@ec.gc.ca

Your local MP: https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/en enter your postal code to find your MP and their contact information.

IDEAS ON HOW TO FORMAT YOUR LETTER:

Start by introducing yourself:

- Where you live and why you care. Keep it to a sentence or two. This establishes you as a unique person and not a form letter.
- If you voted for Carney in the last election, let him know you are disappointed.

Say what you are concerned about:

Some points you could mention (add your own words)

- Major fossil fuel projects may end up as stranded assets as a glut in oil and LNG supplies is expected as countries shift to cheaper renewable energy.
- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) clearly states that we cannot be building new fossil fuel infrastructure and still limit global heating to a safe climate.
- Fossil fuel extraction and use cause adverse health impacts from air and water pollution, uses huge amounts of fresh water, and increases methane emissions which worsens climate change.
- Most financial benefits go to multinational corporations who develop fossil fuel projects with extensive subsidies and tax breaks from governments. Taxpayers fund the subsidies while the profits leave Canada.
- Crude oil tanker traffic in B.C.'s north coast jeopardizes Indigenous sovereignty and marine ecosystems.

Write about the benefits of supporting clean energy projects:

- Fund community and indigenous renewable energy projects across the country tied into a clean east-west grid
- Invest in our communities by funding public and active transportation projects
- Reinstate the Greener Homes Grant so we can invest in local solutions

Make a specific pitch, for example:

(1) Require a climate test for making decisions on nation building projects;

(2) Stop risking public money developing fossil fuels;

(3) Only allow nation building projects that help to build a climate safe future.

Close by circling back to your concerns mentioned in the opening.

Thank you for your letter