

# Building Alberta's Energy Future

Our plan to advance Alberta's energy sectors.



## We are Builders

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Alberta's energy sector has powered our economy and our country for decades. From the oil sands and oil and gas revenues, to roughly \$14 billion annually from bitumen royalties—our energy sector is essential to funding health care, public education, and ensuring a good quality of life for all Albertans.

There is no questioning the strength or importance of our energy sector. The question is how we build on our success and prepare Alberta for a changing world?

Tariffs, separation, turmoil in the Middle East, a changing climate, and growing competition in the global markets will continue to challenge us. But Alberta's New Democrats will keep Alberta prosperous and affordable in times of global uncertainty.

We have the skills, the expertise, and the innovation. We can do it by building.

We have built big projects in this province before, and Alberta's New Democrats will continue to build big into the future. It's time to build Alberta's energy future.

## Alberta and Canada are Stronger Together

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Alberta's New Democrats believe in Canada and Alberta's place within it. Separation undoubtedly comes with massive economic ramifications and weakens our position as an energy leader.

The threat of separation alone, enabled by the UCP, has already created economic uncertainty and chased away investment from Alberta. This is an economically reckless path that puts our future at risk. Alberta's New Democrats remain unequivocal in denouncing separatism, maintaining our pride as Canadians and Albertans.

This is essential to providing the certainty that investors and partners from around the world need as we build access to new markets and unleash our economic potential. We will bring back the Alberta Advantage.

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## Market Access & Energy Infrastructure

Market access and pipelines are critical to Alberta's economy, ensuring oil and natural gas reach high-value markets efficiently. We believe in supporting jobs, attracting investments and generating revenue for public services—and our oil sands do that. Grounded in partnerships with Indigenous communities and a commitment to environmental leadership, Alberta's New Democrats will take a pragmatic approach to building the infrastructure needed for long-term economic growth.

Alberta's New Democrats will:

- Optimize the existing Trans Mountain Expansion to quickly add more than 300,000 barrels per day of additional capacity.
- Explore partial upgrading to move more product with less diluent and unlock new value-added opportunities.
- Work with Indigenous communities and other governments on a new West Coast pipeline option, likely following the TMX right-of-way to British Columbia's southern coast.
- Revisit major nation-building projects like Energy East, to ensure long-term national energy security and energy independence.
- Explore new export routes in multiple directions to meet rising global demand for Canadian energy.
- Support growing natural gas production from coast to coast to coast through Alberta expertise and know-how.
- Support new oil pipelines of national interest with private investment, Indigenous partnerships, and national coordination.
- Work with industry partners, communities, and First Nations to ensure that industrial development works in conjunction with environmental sustainability, protecting our clean water, air, and land for generations to come.

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## A Reliable, Affordable Electricity System

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Electricity literally powers our economy, so getting the electricity market right and building a reliable, affordable, low emission grid is essential for growth and climate progress. Years of market uncertainty, stalled investments, disputes with utility companies and policies that constrain renewables have made the sector nearly un-investable. Modernizing and expanding Alberta's electricity system will provide new major economic opportunities. Alberta's New Democrats will attract new industry and cut emissions while bolstering our long-term competitiveness.

Alberta's New Democrats will:

- Restore certainty to Alberta's electricity market to unlock investment
- Build a reliable, affordable, low-emissions grid
- Expand interties for better power trading across provinces
- Invest in energy storage and grid modernization
- Remove regressive renewables policies and develop high-potential zones
- Pilot geothermal projects and emerging technologies
- Promote efficiency and demand-side-management solutions
- Have honest conversation about viability of nuclear energy in Alberta and its prohibitive start-up costs.

## Become a Leader in Critical Minerals

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The global economy is shifting, and Alberta's New Democrats will lead. Other jurisdictions have established their place in the critical minerals sector, it is time Alberta joined them. This is about turning today's strengths into tomorrow's industries.

Alberta's New Democrats will:

- Scale Alberta-based pilots and innovations like lithium extraction from brine
- Build processing capacity in Alberta to create jobs for Alberta workers
- Leverage our expertise in energy and engineering
- Partner across Canada to compete globally in critical minerals supply chain.

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## Value-Added Industries & Manufacturing

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Alberta didn't stumble into the oil sands; we built it through vision and leadership. Now it's time to do it again, ensuring innovation maximizes every opportunity the oil and gas sector can provide.

While in government, Alberta's New Democrats built the petrochemicals incentive program. We will revive it alongside other programs that have brought billions of dollars' worth of investments into Alberta. It is the bold ideas and bold partnerships that will define our energy future.

Alberta's New Democrats will:

- Explore partial upgrading and midstream innovation
- Create new sectors with the oil and gas that diversify our economy
- Invest in value-added products like asphalt and carbon fiber

## Next Steps: Building Alberta's Energy Future

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This work will be ongoing and this plan will evolve in consultation with partners, industry, Indigenous leaders, workers, and other stakeholders.