

Pembina Institute's Tips for filling out the survey

- It's mostly multiple choice.
- It has only three sections where you can add comments.

One section follows a series of statements related to possible outcomes of action on climate change. In that section, you could make points like:

- *Alberta should do its fair share to address climate change. This includes government, companies and individuals. Other jurisdictions are already taking significant action.*
- *It's already clear that the world is coming to expect meaningful climate change policy. Jurisdictions that fail to act will see action taken for them, perhaps from higher levels of government or from trade restrictions imposed by markets for our goods that are already taking or planning stronger action.*
- *Action on climate change has additional benefits. By promoting green energy development, Alberta can diversify its economic drivers and its energy supply. This would help mitigate the boom-and-bust cycles that come with excessive reliance on fossil fuel prices that are outside of Albertans' control.*

Another section follows electricity and energy efficiency-related questions. Here you might add:

- *Coal presents a major opportunity. It's the highest-polluting form of electricity generation we've got — by about double. We don't need to keep burning coal for electricity at the rates that we do today because we have plenty of alternatives to keep the lights on in Alberta, with some of the best wind and solar resources in the country.*
- *Expanding our clean energy options would also bring a range of new, sustainable jobs to Alberta, and would help to diversify our economy.*
- *We need to ensure that renewable electricity gets a fair share of the replacement generation as we phase out coal-fired electricity.*
- *Alberta is the only jurisdiction in North America without energy efficiency programs. Energy efficiency represents an opportunity to demonstrate short-term action on a number of priorities including reducing emissions, creating jobs and lowering energy bills.*

The third section for comments allows respondents to provide other feedback to the advisory panel. You may wish to add comments along these lines:

- *In the lead up to the Paris COP21 summit in December 2015 Alberta needs to demonstrate to domestic and global audiences that it is serious about acting on climate change.*
- *The cornerstone of Alberta's renewed climate strategy must be an effective price on carbon pollution. A meaningful, economy-wide carbon price would reduce emissions, encourage economic diversification and raise revenue.*

Finally, the survey has one section where you can rank your preferences for different policy options, including

1. Negotiating to join Ontario and Quebec's cap and trade system.
2. Aiding the retrofit of existing buildings and houses with greener technology through incentives, loans or grants.
3. Introducing a new carbon tax that applies to everyone, including me.

4. Providing incentives for renewable energy projects such as wind, solar and biomass.
5. Charging industrial operators a fee for greenhouse gas emissions.

Pembina's perspective is that, of the five, **introducing a carbon tax, providing incentives for renewable energy** and **aiding retrofits** represent the best "package" of opportunities to get serious on climate change and improve our economy.

Take the survey now: climateleadershipsurvey.alberta.ca/