

Energy Note - Question period

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Hi all – please see the Premier’s messaging below re: Fair Hydro Plan. It’s about our values and why we did it. Pls ensure your Ministers see it and use the KM’s if asked.

Msg me if you have questions

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Key Messages:

We want an Ontario with an even playing field, one that gives everyone the chance to follow their dreams and be successful.

It’s about equal opportunity – ensuring those who work hard and play by the rules are rewarded.

But you can’t focus on your dreams if you’re too busy worrying about how you’re going to pay your next electricity bill.

And other priorities slip away when hydro costs are eating into your grocery budget.

That’s exactly why this plan is so important.

Our Fair Hydro Plan provides immediate relief in the **short-term** by reducing electricity bills by 25% on average for all Ontarians - up to 40-50% if you’re rural or low-income.

It then holds rates to inflation for the following 4 years, managing affordability in the **medium-term**.

Our 2017 **Long-Term Energy Plan** will show Ontario families and businesses a snapshot of our future energy system, including supply, demand, and affordability, over the longer term.

The LTEP will focus on taking additional costs out of the system, and address affordability beyond the short and medium term.

It also helps those who have been struggling unfairly from high rates.

We’re creating a **\$200M Affordability Fund** to help Ontarians who are not eligible for the Ontario Electricity Support Program.

And we are **removing the delivery charge for all on-reserve First Nations residential customers**.

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