

FW: Draft statement - Brown in the Sun

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Patrick Brown has proven again that he's just the man with no plan.

Brown's [misleading](#) claims [about Ontario's electricity sector](#) miss the mark by a wide margin, failing to understand the value of exports to ratepayers, the value of clean energy, or the need to secure our future with adequate energy supply. Instead, he offers nothing but empty talking points.

The sad part is that while the Conservatives continue making these wild claims about the electricity sector, [they have no plan of their own](#). Worse, [they voted against Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan](#). That means they said "no" to a 25% average reduction on bills for every household in the province, along with as many as half a million small businesses and farms, "no" to savings of up to 40-50% for rural, remote or low-income families in communities like those around Thunder Bay, and "no" to holding rates to inflation for the next four years.

In voting against [helping families and small businesses](#), the Conservatives are now left making outlandish claims to try to justify their opposition. But this isn't the first time the Conservatives have put their foot in their mouths on these issue. Back in March, Conservative Energy Critic Todd Smith was forced to admit they had been misleading Ontarians about energy contracts. Here's the exchange:

Steve Paikin: "But they're not signing any new contracts. So the tweet that says she signs the next round of bad energy contracts tomorrow is inaccurate, right?"

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Patrick Brown's latest claims are [just as dishonest](#). But Ontarians deserve better than someone who [opposes everything without offering a credible plan of his own](#). Brown's tall tales need to stop.

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From: Campbell, David (ENERGY)
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Draft statement:

A swing and a miss again today by Patrick Brown, this time in the Toronto Sun, misleading Ontarians about our electricity sector.

Brown's claims miss the mark by a wide margin, failing to understand the value of exports to ratepayers, the value of clean energy, or the need to secure our future with adequate energy supply. Instead, he offers nothing but empty talking points.

The sad part is that while the Conservatives continue making these wild claims about the electricity sector, they failed when given a real opportunity to lower bills for Ontarians by voting against our Fair Hydro Plan. This is a plan that is now providing a 25% reduction on the bills of every household in the province, along with as many as half a million small businesses and farms. And we're holding increases to the rate of inflation for four years, to ensure families have predictability in their costs. In rural and remote communities like those around Thunder Bay, and for families on a low-income, we've expanded assistance programs to make the savings are even larger – as much as 40-50 per cent.

But the Conservatives voted against this relief. And now they're left making outlandish claims to try to justify their opposition. This isn't the first time the Conservatives have put their foot in their mouths on these issue. Back in March, Conservative Energy Critic Todd Smith was forced to admit they had been misleading Ontarians about energy contracts. Here's the exchange:

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Brown's latest claims are no better. Meanwhile, four months have come and gone since they promised to share their plan on reducing electricity rates. We're still waiting. And in the meantime, their antics are getting old.