

Minister Thibeault Response to Patrick Brown's guest column in today's Toronto Sun

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Hi all,

Please see below statement from Glenn Thibeault, Ontario's Minister of Energy, in response to Patrick Brown's [guest column](#) in today's Toronto Sun.

Patrick Brown has proven again that he has no plan.

Brown's misleading claims about Ontario's electricity sector miss the mark by a wide margin, failing to understand the value of energy exports to ratepayers, the value of clean energy, or the need to secure our future with an adequate supply of energy.

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 per cent 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 per cent for rural, remote or low-income families in communities like those around Thunder Bay, and "no" to holding rates to inflation for the 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 issues. Back in March on TVO's Agenda, 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 [from Patrick Brown] that says she signs the next round of bad energy contracts tomorrow is inaccurate, right?"

Todd Smith: "Yeah, Okay. I'll say that's inaccurate."

Patrick Brown's latest claims are just as misleading. Ontarians deserve better than someone who opposes everything without offering a credible plan of his own. Brown's misleading distractions need to stop.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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