

RE: ENERGY statement | Doug Ford's hydro plan

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Following up, you can listen to Todd Smith's comments here:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-495514957/todd-smith-on-cfra-580-with-rob-snow-march-1-2017>

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Good afternoon,

Please see below for a statement responding to Doug Ford's comments on hydro rate reductions. These are attributable to me as a spokesperson for the Minister of Energy:

"After months of denouncing the Fair Hydro Plan, Doug Ford today announced his intention to embrace the plan as the foundation of his own electricity pricing plan. Ford will retain all aspects of the Fair Hydro Plan, which reduces electricity rates by 25% on average for Ontario families and businesses – and up to 40% - 50% in remote and rural areas.

Unfortunately, it's everything else that Doug Ford has proposed that fails to pass the smell test. Like his [income tax credit scheme](#) announced last week, Doug Ford's plans don't add up to anything but empty promises that will eventually dig their way into people's pockets. First, his cornerstone commitment to abandon all new contracted electricity procurement projects fails to mention that...there are no new contracted electricity procurement projects. As a consequence, there can't be any savings that can be passed onto customers. Worse than that, by bragging loud and large that he'll tear up committed capacity contracts, he is inviting massive law suits that will surely be won, costing the provinces hundreds of millions of dollars that, in turn, will drive electricity bills back up. This undeniable fact has even been acknowledged by Ford's own caucus member and energy critic MPP Todd Smith who said this would "come at a huge cost to taxpayers and we're going to see electricity prices continue to rise."

Thank you,
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