

Statement from Energy Minister Thibeault

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Good afternoon,

Here is a statement from Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault responding to today's press conference with MPP Peter Tabuns:

"We welcome and encourage the independent Financial Accountability Officer (FAO) to review Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. The FAO received a full technical briefing last month, and we've responded to all follow-up requests for information.

We expanded the FAO's oversight last fall, which improved his office's access to information, making it even easier to provide important analysis. These enhanced powers, combined with the technical briefing, will give the FAO access to the necessary information required.

What's disappointing is that the NDP know all of this, and decided to try to distract from the Fair Hydro Act which we tabled yesterday. The act would, if passed, provide an average rate cut of 25 per cent for Ontario households, and as many as half a million small businesses and farms starting this summer. The NDP know their plan provides no immediate relief and relies on vague, nameless future panels to conjure up policy. Today was another clear distraction from the NDP."

Thank you,

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