

Why we support the Fair Hydro Act

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Unlike Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown and NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, we support Premier Kathleen's Wynne's so-called Fair Hydro Act for one reason only.

That is that Ontarians need help paying for their outrageous electricity bills right now. Senior citizens having to choose between food and electricity is unacceptable. Businesses having to close because of high electricity bills is unacceptable. Ontarians need immediate help on an emergency basis and we are not going to argue against giving it to them.

What we are going to do, heading into next year's provincial election, is to remind you why the Liberals are the last political party anyone should trust to fix the mess they've made of the electricity file.

When the Liberals say that unlike them, the opposition parties have no plan to address skyrocketing hydro rates, they sound like a child who, having murdered his parents, asks the court for mercy because he's an orphan.

It was the Liberals who created the electricity crisis by blundering into so-called renewable energy, without a clue as to what they were doing.

Everything they've touched on this file - from their Green Energy Act, to the FIT contracts, to the Samsung deal, to smart meters, to the cancelled gas plants that were supposed to back up unreliable and absurdly expensive wind and solar power - has turned into a disaster.

None of which was necessary to replace coal-fired electricity, which the Liberals actually did with nuclear power and natural gas.

All you have to do is read the annual reports of Ontario's auditor general to understand the incredibly reckless way the Liberals have managed the hydro system.

So much so that to give people emergency relief, the Liberals have simply kicked the crisis down the road.

This by giving Ontarians a temporary break on their hydro bills that could cost up to \$93 billion, according to Ontario's Financial Accountability Officer, for \$24 billion of rate relief. Given this, the idea that the Liberals are the best qualified party to clean up the mess they've made following next June's election is laughable.

But for now, Ontarians should have no qualms about accepting the emergency aid the Liberals are offering, before kicking them to the curb next year.

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