

Topic: Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan

Issues to Flag:

- Scrutiny of upcoming legislation.
- Insufficient support for medium sized businesses (don't qualify for ICI and are not eligible to receive the 25% off)

Party/Caucus Analysis:

Party	Their Position	Our Response
Tories	Party has no plan. Conflate the GA refinancing with adding to provincial debt, and argue that we are saddling future generations with significant debt as a result of our plan.	• On this side of the house, we are distributing costs more fairly — and giving people savings on their bills. • Patrick Brown is obviously not interested in doing the same. • We know that given the chance, the opposition <u>would repeal</u> our Fair Hydro plan.
NDP	Andrea Horwath is proposing to buy back more than \$4B in Hydro One shares, scrap Time of Use pricing, and equalize delivery charges.	• NDP continues to advocate that we stop the broadening of Hydro One when they know that it won't take one single cent off electricity bills.
Liberal	We are reducing electricity bills by 25% for families about 500,000 small businesses. We are refinancing the cost of capital to make sure that system costs are distributed equally over time.	• These changes allocate costs more fairly and ensure that the costs aren't disproportionately placed on the shoulders of today's electricity ratepayers.

Broad Stakeholder Analysis...

Area / Stakeholder group	+/-	Detailed Analysis
First Nations, rural and remote communities	+	Will be supportive of expanded RRRP and new First Nations On-Reserve Delivery Credit
Medium Size Businesses	-	Insufficient support for medium sized businesses (don't qualify for ICI and are not eligible to receive the 25% off)

Specific Stakeholder Analysis:

Stakeholder	+/-	Detailed Analysis	Anticipated Response from Stakeholder
Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers	-	Group has been very vocal and critical of the FHP, saying that it does not go far enough for Class B consumers. Participating in the expanded ICI program (and opting to be treated as a Class A consumer) is a strategic business decision. Class B consumers will save 2-4% off their bills (a couple hundred dollars per month) from tax basing electricity support programs.	Electricity costs are too high, decreasing their competitiveness.

Media Interest

- Significant attention recently about the Hydro One CEO salary
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