

FW: Hydro

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You cool with this?

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Subject: RE: Hydro

Here's the approved version. Can we get out ASAP to gallery ?

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Good timing. Here it is:

Statement from Minister Thibeault responding to MPP Tabuns' press conference:

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Agreed. Colin can you send us your draft now / whatever you have done? We will work on it to expedite

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We need to get that statement out asap.

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Any response to the Tabuns thing? Are these cabinet projections being given to the FAO?

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