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Stephen LeDrew, Host: Andrea Horwath is the leader of the NDP in Ontario, and like everyone else in Ontario, you are talking about hydro prices and the solutions or the non-solutions. You stood up. You had a press conference this morning. You say there is a better solution. What is it?

Andrea Horwath, NDP Leader: It's a solution that changes our system, fixes the problems in our electricity system and provides people with relief at the same time.

Stephen: How does it provide the (inaudible)?

Horwath: It provides the answers by getting rid of the mandatory time of use pricing, by getting rid of the unfair delivery charges, by getting rid of the 8 per cent HST on the bills.

Stephen: What would bankrupt the government or hydro if you get rid of those charges?

Horwath: No, absolutely not. In fact, the charges are being funded – the way we get rid of the charges is funding them through the rental fees that are being paid. It's a long story, but through the rental fees that are paid from the water that goes through the dams. OPG pays rental fees for that to the government. We're going to take that money and utilize it instead to get rid of the delivery charges.

Stephen: The government is looking for answers. Why don't they take your answers?

Horwath: I know. I don't understand it. That is why we put the motion forward. We're debating it this afternoon. We have a solid plan. It's public. People like it. It includes bringing public ownership back to Hydro One, and it's all feasible and it's all paid for within the existing electricity system, so it's not like we're going into the tax base to take money to pay. It doesn't kick the problems or the responsibility, the financial responsibility, down the road to the next couple of generations which is what the Liberals' plan apparently is, although we don't know their plan yet.

Stephen: You said "apparently." Have you received anything in writing about what the Liberals are intending to do?

Horwath: They took us through a slide deck. That it.

Stephen: Can they do this without legislate?

Horwath: Apparently they're bringing something into the house. That is what they said. They're bringing something into the house. What I don't want to see is a last-minute bill that gets tabled and rushed through the process. That is absolutely disrespectful.

Stephen: Some writers are saying that the Premier and the government are coming up with this plan to punt the charges, if you will, down two generations because of polling. And then critics are saying, 'well the pollsters being paid by taxpayers' money' but it's a party pollster. What's going on?

Horwath: Well the pollster is being paid by taxpayers' money and so is the advertising for a plan that nobody has actually seen yet, so it's very partisan. But again, it's about the Liberal government. The Wynne government, particularly, is very fond of giving a lot of sweet deals to their friends and to the well-connected Liberals that they rub shoulders with, meanwhile the rest of the province, the people, of the province are not getting the attention that they need.

Stephen: Is a pollster for the government on this issue the same pollster who is advising the campaign?

Horwath: Yes, absolutely one and the same. So you would wonder where's the separation, if you will, between church and state when it comes to these kinds of things. It's the kind of thing that makes people very cynical about the way that this government is doing politics, and I don't blame them for being cynical.

Stephen: Well the Premier's in the house this week. You have been up in Question Period. How is she responding? How is she taking this? Does she give answers that (inaudible) or is she punting it off? What's going on?

Horwath: She is doing a bit of both. She is trying to pretend that the NDP doesn't have a plan although it was our initiative by putting our plan forward that forced the government into a scramble to try to come up with something. They're making comments that are completely not true about the plan that we've put forward, and yet we still don't have their plan. So she will answer a couple of the questions. Many of them she will punt off to the critics, or rather the Ministers, and it's unfortunate, but the bottom line is the people of Ontario know this Liberal plan is the wrong plan for our province because it doesn't deal with the problems that the Liberals have created in our electricity system. It doesn't deal with the frustrations that people have about the selloff of Hydro One without a mandate, and we still have folks making the choices between heating their homes or eating. That is no choice to be made here in Ontario.

Stephen: This is going to be – I only have five seconds. Is this going to be the big issue in the campaign?

Horwath: Hard to say, but we're keep working on solutions for Ontarians.

Stephen: Andrea Horwath, we'll be chatting again though we're out of time now. Thanks for coming in.