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NDP campaign platform release: "Change for the better"

Hydro rates
The NDP pledges to cut hydro bills by 30 per cent by ending mandatory time-of-use pricing and by getting "private profits" off of hydro bills. The party will buy back Hydro One using dividends from the remaining public shares. The party also said it would scrap the government's Fair Hydro Plan.

Responses

Ontario Liberal Party
The Liberals said the NDP platform risks increasing hydro rates and jeopardizing government investments in seniors care and transit infrastructure.
The biggest disagreement the government has with Horwath's platform is her proposal to spend $6.5 billion to buy back shares of Hydro One. This action "won't do anything to lower electricity rates," the party said. "Ontario Liberals had hoped the NDP would join us in campaigning against Doug Ford and on the side of care, instead of cuts."

Question Period
PC lead-off
Energy prices
• PC MPP Todd Smith asked Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault about consulting discrepancies from Deloitte, KPMG and Ernst and Young on the Fair Hydro Plan.
o Smith told the House that Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk maintains Deloitte, KPMG and Ernst and Young provided no formal opinion on the Fair Hydro Plan, contrary to what the government has said.