



OVERVIEW

The Made in Ontario Environment Plan is focused on the following areas: Protecting our Air, Lakes and Rivers, Addressing Climate Change, Reducing Litter and Waste in Communities and Keeping Land and Soil Clean and Conserving Land and Greenspace. CME responded to the initial consultation on November 16th, 2018.

NEXT STEPS

The Government of Ontario will look at implementing priority initiatives as soon as possible.

In early 2019, a new Advisory Panel on Climate Change will be established with leaders in climate change. There will also be individual consultations on specific components of the plan and on specific communities (i.e., Aboriginals).

CME will consult with our members and participate in all applicable consultations. We will look at setting up a special member call on the Environment Plan featuring a representative from the Government of Ontario.

REPRESENTATION

Key Points: Made in Ontario Environment Plan

AIR POLLUTION

- Calls on the federal government to address impacts of air pollution and improve air quality across Ontario
- Undertaking provincial impact and vulnerable assessments for key sectors to identify where and how climate change is likely to impact vulnerable sectors

CLIMATE CHANGE

- Emissions reduction from 161 Mt in 2017 to 143 Mt by 2030, a reduction of 18Mt through different mechanisms.
- Creation of a \$350 million Ontario Carbon Trust to leverage private investment in clean technologies that are viable based on a 4:1 ratio
- A \$50 million Ontario Reverse Auction, allowing bidders to send proposals for projects that attract lowest-cost greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects and compete for contracts based on the lowest-cost GHG emissions reductions
- Creation of emissions performance standards to achieve GHG emissions reduction from large emissions
- Changes parallel to federal to the Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance (ACCA) to make technology investments in clean energy generation and energy conservation equipment
- Consideration of tax policy options to encourage the creation of clean technology manufacturing jobs in Ontario
- Working with the Ontario Finance Authority to issue Green Bonds to support approach to environmental challenges
- Working with Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and natural gas utilities to increase cost-effective conservation of natural gas to reduce emissions and lower energy bills
- Streamlining and prioritizing environmental approvals for businesses that use low-carbon technology, while maintaining strong environmental performance

PLASTICS AND WASTE

- Moving Ontario's existing waste diversion programs to the producer responsibility model
- Investing in options to recover resources from waste, to ensure that valuable resources in waste do not end up in landfills
- Working with other provinces, territories and federal government to develop a plastics strategy to reduce plastic waste and limit micro-plastics