

Write a letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney

It's time that the Federal government hears from us. Below are some pointers to make writing easier. Remember that you **don't need to write a long letter**, as they will probably just record if you are in favour or not on certain topics.

IDEA: Send a free Christmas card by Canada Post! Letters to M.P.s require no postage.

A few tips:

- Make it personal in your opening and closing
- Keep your tone polite
- Consider an alternative positive vision (more below)

Email: Prime Minister Mark Carney: mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Or mail **free**: Office of the Prime Minister, 80 Wellington Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Consider sending additional emails to key ministers:

If you want to send emails to other Ministers or your M.P. please send a direct email. Copying (using c.c.) is not as effective and is not counted in the same way as those addressed TO the elected rep.

Tim Hodgson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources: tim.hodgson@parl.gc.ca

Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change:
ministre-minister@ec.gc.ca

Your local MP: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/en> enter your postal code to find your MP and their contact information.

IDEAS ON HOW TO FORMAT YOUR LETTER:

Start by introducing yourself:

- Where you live and why you care. Keep it to a sentence or two. This establishes you as a unique person and not a form letter.
- If you voted for Carney in the last election, let him know you are disappointed.

Say what you are concerned about:

Some points you could mention (add your own words)

- Major fossil fuel projects may end up as stranded assets as a glut in oil and LNG supplies is expected as countries shift to cheaper renewable energy.
- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) clearly states that we cannot be building new fossil fuel infrastructure and still limit global heating to a safe climate.
- Fossil fuel extraction and use cause adverse health impacts from air and water pollution, uses huge amounts of fresh water, and increases methane emissions which worsens climate change.
- Most financial benefits go to multinational corporations who develop fossil fuel projects with extensive subsidies and tax breaks from governments. Taxpayers fund the subsidies while the profits leave Canada.
- Crude oil tanker traffic in B.C.'s north coast jeopardizes Indigenous sovereignty and marine ecosystems.

Write about the benefits of supporting clean energy projects:

- Fund community and indigenous renewable energy projects across the country tied into a [clean east-west grid](#)
- Invest in our communities by funding public and active transportation projects
- Reinstate the Greener Homes Grant so we can invest in local solutions

Make a specific pitch, for example:

- (1) Require a climate test for making decisions on nation building projects;
- (2) Stop risking public money developing fossil fuels;
- (3) Only allow nation building projects that help to build a climate safe future.

Close by circling back to your concerns mentioned in the opening.

Thank you for your letter

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