

Ontario's Clean Energy Opportunity

“On January 19, 2024, the government released “*Ontario’s Clean Energy Opportunity*”, the report of its Electrification and Energy Transition Panel. The report recognizes that energy infrastructure, and supportive energy policy, has long been a necessary means advancing priorities around energy affordability, economic development and building homes faster. We urge the government to adopt the recommendations of the Panel that prioritize an energy policy that recognizes that all sources of energy including electricity, natural gas, renewables, distributed energy resources, nuclear and low carbon fuels to meet Ontario’s economic and clean energy goals. The government must set clear policy direction for Ontario’s 2050 clean energy future as highlighted by the Panel. Essential elements of this energy future include coordinated gas-electricity planning that reflects the priorities of local communities, a regulatory framework that provides regulatory certainty, the right investment climate for the return on and of capital to build critical energy infrastructure and unlock value through indigenous engagement and participation. We also encourage the government to continue to reduce red tape, focus customer financial relief on helping those who need help, and support the growth of climate resilient utilities and communities.”