

# WHAT ELECTION RESULTS MEAN FOR CLIMATE ACTION

To the editor:

While the election may have been expensive and unnecessary, it did help get important issues like the climate crisis back on the political agenda.

It's important to take note of what was said so we can hold the government accountable for their promises.

There are a few things the Liberal party had previously promised, like planting two billion trees, a Just Transition Act and ending fossil fuel subsidies.

There are also some new things that came out of the election, like new, more ambitious emissions targets of 40 to 45 per cent reduction by 2030 — from 2005 levels.

Canada has missed every emissions target it has ever set, so we need to make sure this time around we actually meet our targets.

The government also announced an end to thermal coal exports by 2030. This is significant because coal-fired power plants are a major source of emissions worldwide.

Lastly, Justin Trudeau said he would cap emissions from the oil and gas sector and have them decrease in five-year increments, starting in 2025.

This is very important because the oil and gas sector represents the largest share of emissions in Canada, so any plan to reduce emissions without ad-

ressing it is futile.

It is up to us to make sure the government follows through on their commitments to plant two billion trees, pass a Just Transition Act, end fossil fuel subsidies, meet our new emissions targets, ban thermal coal exports and cap emissions from the oil and gas sector.

There is still a lot more that needs to be done; however these measures are a good start.

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