



THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF CANADA  
LE CONSEIL NATIONAL DES FEMMES DU CANADA The

Honourable Mark Carney  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

The National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) is very concerned with your government's statements, plans, funding, and promotion of nuclear power as the essential "green" way forward for Canada to reach its climate reduction goals.

The NCWC considers nuclear power to be extremely dangerous. At every stage of the nuclear life cycle i.e. mining, nuclear reactor operation, waste reduction, decommissioning, transportation, storage, and disposal, should there be a release of radiation due to human error, nefarious actions, or natural disaster, there is the potential for great harm to the environment, public and worker health and safety, and broad community social and commercial activities, both immediate and far into the future.

Therefore, the NCWC supports multiple Canadian organizations, independent scientists, and many thousands of individuals in their opposition to your Government's

- promotion of nuclear as a clean and green way to meet Canada's climate carbon reduction targets, rather than solar, wind, biothermal technologies, energy conservation, and efficiencies;
- funding of hundreds of millions of dollars to private sector Companies, a key one being SNC Lavalin, now AtkinsRéalis, for such planned projects as CNL's Chalk River nuclear waste dump in an earthquake and tornado prone area, and most importantly, on unceded First Nations land; and
- support of small modular nuclear reactor (SMRs) proposals for potential use in hundreds of remote rural communities across Canada.

To conclude, the NCWC urges you to look closely at current nuclear projects in Ontario, Alberta, and New Brunswick as well as the private sector's futuristic nuclear "Energy Superpower" promotion and Energy Canada Plans regarding Small Modular Nuclear Reactors in several provinces. All of these appear to be speeding ahead without a solid social, economic, and environmentally sound foundation.

Therefore, we urge you, as our new forward thinking Prime Minister, to invite a broad public discussion regarding strong, precautionary policies and investments in non- nuclear, truly green and clean energy, or perhaps, through the establishment of a Royal Commission.

Sincerely,

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