

Recommendations to the Select Committee on Climate Change

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1. Establish climate legislation and a central agency or secretariat, that works with all Departments to transition to a clean energy economy, and that has a broad mandate that includes assessing the climate implications of projects, policy and legislation.
2. Include the expectations for each Department in addressing climate change in the mandate letters for all Ministers.
3. Re-establish Efficiency NB as a separate agency with ambitious retrofit targets and a mandate for all buildings and provide it with sufficient resources.
4. Address and remove barriers to bringing small scale renewable energy from all sources online.
5. Conduct a strategic review of all government subsidies, programs, tax credits, public resource assets and any other mechanisms that are supporting large corporations and eliminate such support from any projects that are not providing a net climate benefit.
6. Use local capacity and build local economic development by ensuring that the funding to support the Climate Change Plan has dedicated amounts for NGO's.
7. Use local capacity and build local and rural economic development by ensuring that the funding to support the Climate Change Plan has dedicated amounts for rural communities and LSDs.
8. Add flexibility in the Municipalities Act and other policies and legislation to allow and encourage interested rural communities of all sizes to govern themselves and to become incorporated.