## Environment

**#VoteBetter for a #BetterEnvironment** 



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Both the abundance of fresh water and generally favourable climate in Ontario are key to the quality of life we enjoy.

Our health and economic prosperity depend on these environmental advantages we have been blessed with. We cannot take them for granted and we cannot wait for other jurisdictions to solve our problems.

We must ensure that the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry have the funding they need to protect our way of life.

We must reward activities that help the environment and do everything in our power to stop those who put profits and greed before the well-being of generations to come.

It's not a choice. It's a necessity.

#BetterEnvironment means a better Ontario; let's #VoteBetter.

More than 20 First Nation communities don't have safe drinking water.

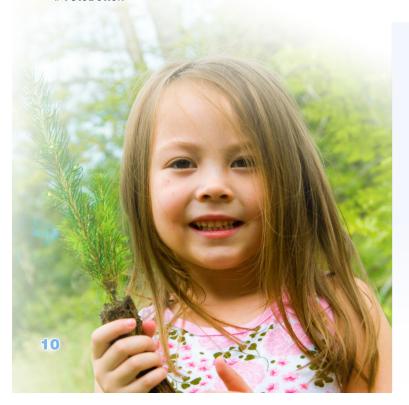
Climate change is real.

Climate change is warming our lakes and contributing to more blue-green algal blooms across the province. More frequent and severe weather events are causing flooding and overflows of sewage into lakes and rivers.

By the 2050s, temperatures are expected to jump by 2.4 C in summer and 5.3 C in winter. Warming in the northern part of the province will likely be more than twice as great as in the south and melting permafrost will have a disastrous effect on infrastructure.

The number of days in which we experience dangerously high temperatures will double in the near future. The very young and the elderly are particularly susceptible, meaning more days indoors, more hospital visits, and more deaths.

This is not something we can afford to ignore.



## **Platform Priorities:**

Protect the Great Lakes as one of our most important water supplies and natural habitats.

Provide inspectors with the equipment and training needed to protect the public from dangerous pollution and mould.

Save the Ontario Tree Seed Plant facility to ensure the successful the ongoing success of Ontario's forestry industry.

Invest in front line environmental inspectors, and end corrupt corporate "self-oversight."

Ensure that every community has clean drinking water.