

This is an ambitious but timely project. The goals are laudable but need to be realistic and time lines for implementation need also to be realistic.

1. I think that the government could do more of "leading by example" and showing people they are leading by example.

2. There needs to be more raising of awareness of how significant small, personal energy saving efforts can be - an encouragement for each individual to do his/her part and show us some of the results of these efforts; that would encourage others. (Ex. - small, energy-efficient cars - give rebates, higher taxes on gas-guzzlers like SUVs, showcase some schools which have reduced energy consumption through various projects that they have undertaken, use of the low energy light bulbs, don't charge people for energy audits on their houses and encourage energy-saving measures which will mitigate energy losses identified through the audit....)

3. On Page 14 you speak of objectives one of which is " diversify generation sources of suppliers by providing policy." Well then, do it! An example would be provincial guidelines for wind power generation; an area woefully lacking in any meaningful policy. The government needs to have a comprehensive, enforceable, policy on this instead of the current mish-mash which is the result of downloading the responsibility for that policy to municipalities. If you are establishing policy, do it right, take responsibility and produce something which addresses the needs and concerns of people affected by these alternate supplies of power.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide some input on this matter which is of grave concern to many Nova Scotians.

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