



CANADIAN COUNCIL ON  
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY

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## Written Submission for the Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the 2022 Federal Budget

### List of Recommendations

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Hon. Wayne Easter,  
Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance  
Transmitted electronically to: FINA@parl.gc.ca

21 July, 2021

Dear Mr Easter,

**RE: Written Submission for the Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the 2022 Federal Budget**

The Canadian Council on Renewable Electricity (CanCORE) represents the aligned interests of the three national trade associations for the renewable electricity sectors that are responsible for 68% of Canada's total annual electricity production: WaterPower Canada (WPC); the Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA); and Marine Renewables Canada (MRC).

CanCORE was established in 2015 to educate and engage Canadians about the opportunity to expand the production and use of renewable electricity across the country. The Council and our Associations work to build public support for increased development of our abundant renewable electricity resources in order to further decarbonize North America's energy system.

In response to policy and market signals (including those sent by the federal government through: legislated greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and accountability framework; the regulated phase-out of unabated coal-fired electricity; and the federal carbon pricing backstop), significant additional renewable electricity generation, transmission and storage capacity has been commissioned and is being developed across the country. These projects represent tens of billions of dollars of investment, and tens of thousands of jobs across Canada every year.

The Strengthened Climate Plan (SCP) states that: *"Canada proposes to achieve a net-zero emissions grid before 2050, and to expand clean electricity supply to ensure electricity generation increasingly transitions towards non-emitting sources. Under a scenario with significant electrification in all economic sectors (i.e. doubling of today's percentage of final energy use from electricity), by 2050 Canada will need to produce up to two to three times as much non-emitting power as it does right now. Moving forward, emphasis will be placed on*



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*ensuring that Canada is prepared for the accelerated electrification of key sectors and can meet this projected increased demand with new sources of non-emitting electricity.”<sup>2</sup>*

In recognition of these objectives, we welcome the opportunity to present the recommendations in this letter that would maximize the contribution of our Members to Canada’s near- and long-term economic competitiveness, as we move toward 40 – 45% economy-wide emissions reductions by 2030, and to net zero by 2050.

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<sup>2</sup> Government of Canada (2021) “A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy, Clean Electricity Annex”

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Our Associations will also be submitting sector-specific recommendations to the Committee, and would welcome the opportunity to provide additional information as required.

Sincerely,

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