

BLUE GREEN CANADA

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Statement on Task Force report calling for a Just and Fair Transition for Canadian Coal Power Workers and Communities

Toronto, ON – Ensuring that people are supported as Canada transitions to a green economy is the right thing to do. This is fair not only for coal power workers themselves, but an important step in showing how we can accelerate our efforts to tackle climate change and build a green economy that leaves no one behind.

The work and commitment the Task Force put into bringing forward [what they heard](#) directly from people impacted by Canada’s coal power phase out is commendable. And it is clear that these people want the Government of Canada to take an active role in ensuring a fair and just transition for workers and communities negatively impacted by the phase out coal power in Canada.

We must act quickly to help the communities currently being hit with job losses and the other impacts of the coal transition by acting on all ten of the task force’s recommendations. As we help coal power workers, Canada will also be able to better prepare Canadians in other sectors and communities facing transitions of their own in the near future.

BACKGROUND:

On [Monday](#), Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna released the final report from the Task Force on Just Transition for Canadian Coal Power Workers and Communities. The [report](#) and recommendations set out a clear path for how the Government of Canada can help ensure a fair and just transition for Canadian coal workers and communities, while supporting good jobs, and taking action on climate change.

About BLUE GREEN CANADA (bluegreencanada.ca): Blue Green Canada is an alliance between Canadian labour unions, environmental and civil society organizations to advocate for working people and the environment by promoting solutions to environmental issues that have positive employment and economic impacts.

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