



# Ending Plastic Pollution and Cutting Waste

Every year, Canadians throw away more than 3 million tonnes of plastic waste - equal in weight to 13 of the world's largest cruise ships. Only about 9 per cent of that gets recycled, while the rest - worth \$8 billion - goes to landfills, incinerators, or makes its way into our environment.

The Liberal government has taken serious action to end plastic pollution, including through a ban on harmful, single-use plastics and measures to bring plastic waste back into our economy through recycling.

Our plan will drive economic growth by ensuring producers that make plastic products or use plastic packaging collect and recycle significantly more. It also has the potential to create up to 42,000 jobs across the country.

A re-elected Liberal government would continue to cut waste and create jobs by:

- Collecting and recycling more plastic beverage bottles, in collaboration with the provinces and territories;
- Requiring all plastic packaging to be 50 per cent recycled plastic by 2030, in collaboration with provinces and territories;
- Making producers responsible for recycling plastic waste, in collaboration with the provinces and territories;
- Creating a new fund to support made-in-Canada solutions to plastic waste;
- Expanding programs to clean up our oceans and coasts, like the successful Ghost Gear Program which collects lost and abandoned fishing gear and oceans plastic; and
- Extending the lives of our appliances and cutting waste by implementing a "right to repair" for Canadian household appliances.

## Retaining value from plastics

- Implementing a recycling target for plastic beverage bottles which are easy to recycle and easy to collect through the deposit-return systems that are already working well in some provinces and territories. We will work with provinces and territories to implement and enforce an ambitious recycling target of 90 per cent by 2029 - aligned with Quebec and the European Union - for plastic beverage bottles;
- Requiring all plastic packaging to contain 50 per cent recycled content by 2030 to drive demand for recycled plastic;
- Introducing better labelling for recyclable plastics that will better inform Canadians how recyclable the plastics they use are and prohibit the current misleading use of the chasing-arrows symbol. A product will have to be accepted in 80 per cent of Canada's recycling facilities before being labelled as recyclable.

## **Making producers responsible for their plastic waste**

- Taking the burden of recycling off taxpayers and municipalities by making producers of plastic waste responsible for collecting and recycling it, in collaboration with provinces and territories;
- Creating a new federal public registry that requires producers to annually report the amount, type and what happens to the plastic products and packaging they sell in Canada. We will also create a standard set of definitions and reporting requirements, which will make it easier for producers and governments to accelerate action on plastics recycling.

## **Harnessing the power of Canadian innovation**

- Supporting made-in-Canada technologies and solutions by helping Canadian companies scale up and commercialize solutions to reusing and recycling plastics, through a \$100 million fund and fostering collaboration with the Canada Plastics Pact and the Circular Economy Innovation Network.
- Using federal buying power to prioritize reusable and recyclable products in federal procurement, facilities, and operations.

## **Protecting our oceans and shorelines**

- Expanding the successful Ghost Gear Program to continue to clean up our oceans and coasts from lost and abandoned fishing gear and oceans plastics that endanger sea life, impact fish stocks, and pollute the ocean;
- Investing \$50 million more to continue supporting community shoreline and oceans plastic cleanup initiatives; and
- Leading efforts on the world stage to establish a new, binding global agreement to eliminate plastics waste from the world's oceans.

## **Extending the lives of our appliances**

- Implementing a “right to repair” to extend the life of home appliances, particularly electronics, to prevent appliances from unnecessarily ending up in landfills and make life more affordable for Canadians. It includes:
  - Requiring manufacturers to supply repair manuals and spare parts and facilitate their replication after the part is no longer produced;
  - Introducing a new 15% tax credit to cover cost of home appliance repairs of up to 500\$ performed by technicians;
  - Requiring businesses to inform Canadians of the environmental impacts of consumer products;
  - Requiring that manufacturers meet minimum lifetime guarantees on any appliances advertised in Canada as environmentally-friendly or green; and
  - Amending the Copyright Act to ensure that its provisions cannot prevent the repair of digital devices and systems, even when nothing is being copied or distributed.