

Horwath says Ontarians have lost confidence in Liberals and deserve government that makes sense

Queen's Park – Andrea Horwath, Leader of Ontario's New Democrats, says she has lost confidence in the Liberal government amid mounting scandal and waste and that it's time for change.

"The Liberal budget is a mad dash to escape scandal by promising the moon and the stars," said Horwath.

"It is time for a government that stands up for middle class families. It is time for a government that respects people's tax dollars. It is time for a government that makes sense," she said.

The Liberals this week introduced a budget containing more than 70 new promises in a desperate bid to keep their sinking government afloat in the midst of a criminal investigation into the gas plants scandal and cover up.

"It's clear from the budget that this Liberal government is continuing to press ahead with building future roadwork projects using the risky Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP) model, a model that means privatizing public projects, the same model used to build the troubled Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway," said the NDP Leader.

"The Liberals show no respect for people's tax dollars. They are out of touch. They have wasted billions on boondoggles and scandals," said Horwath. "This government has no plan to get the basics right, like creating jobs, lowering hydro rates, and making life more affordable."

The last-ditch budget comes after the Liberals failed to deliver results on a series of promises made in the previous year's budget, including reducing auto insurance rates, cutting home care wait times, and setting up a Financial Accountability Office.

"The same government that couldn't fulfill three promises over the last year is making more than 70 new promises this year. How can Kathleen Wynne build a ship, when she hasn't managed to build a raft?" said Horwath.

The Liberal budget contains a new round of no-strings attached giveaways for corporations, and includes no plan to get sky-rocketing hydro rates under control or create jobs by rewarding job creators.

"For the last year Ontarians have been telling me they want to see results on jobs, hydro bills, affordability and accountability, and the Liberals haven't delivered. It's time for a change. It's time for a government that makes sense," said Horwath. "Ontarians deserve action, not just aspirations. Families deserve a government that will respect people's tax dollars, make

life more affordable, create jobs, and stand up for the middle class. People deserve a government that makes sense.”

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