



ecoEnergy Retrofit-Homes good for homeowners, environment and economy

On March 31st the Conservative government shut down the popular ecoEnergy Retrofit-Homes program without any advance warning. Thousands of homeowners were denied access to the program, which provided grants for energy audits and home improvements that reduce energy consumption and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

These efficiency upgrades, from new furnaces to window replacements, make a difference. On average, they reduce power bills by one-fifth to one-third and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 4.6 tonnes per year.

In addition to helping homeowners save money, this program helped the environment and stimulated the economy, creating green jobs and promoting local businesses. Each \$1 in grants generated about \$6 in local spending.

The decision to shut down the program forced home energy auditing companies to lay off staff. Many of these employees had just completed training courses to meet the increased demand for energy efficiency audits that Retrofit-Homes had generated.

I have asked Christian Paradis, Minister of Natural Resources, to reinstate the ecoEnergy Retro-fit Homes program. This program is good for homeowners, it's good for our environment and it's good for the economy.

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