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Via E-mail: jamesdinn@assembly.nl.ca

Dear James Dinn:

Thank you for your November 5, 2025 correspondence to Premier Wakeham regarding climate change and its impact on Newfoundland and Labrador. As Minister of the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change, I am responding on the Premier's behalf.

Our province has faced significant environmental challenges in recent years, including wildfires, drought conditions, and periods of extreme heat. These events have had real consequences for families, businesses, communities, Indigenous Governments and organizations, and workers across Newfoundland and Labrador. Government recognizes the seriousness of these challenges and the stress they place on our environment, economy, and public services.

Action is required at all levels of government and society to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We are committed to work with stakeholders to review learnings from previous efforts. We will create a Climate Change Action Plan with clear and achievable emission reduction targets and report on them regularly.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues and have asked my office to follow up regarding your request for a meeting. Thank you for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

HON. CHRIS TIBBS, MHA
District of Grand Falls - Windsor - Buchans
Minister

Cc: The Honourable Tony Wakeham, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador
Sheilagh O'Leary, MHA District of St John's East – Quidi Vidi

The hon. the Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi.

S. O'LEARY: Speaker, the Speech from the Throne rightly acknowledged the toll natural disasters and extreme weather have taken on people across our province. From wildfires to record snowfall to destructive winds, these impacts are real, immediate and deeply felt. Yet, the speech was silent on meaningful climate action to confront the root cause: climate change.

The NDP wrote to the minister in November on this important topic and received no response, so I ask the minister: When will this government deliver a real climate action plan?

SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

C. TIBBS: Thank you very much for the question.

Mr. Speaker, we are working with communities across this province and I've had many, many conversations with our federal counterparts and our federal minister in Ontario about a climate action plan that works right here for Newfoundland and Labrador. But make no mistake, whether it's on the South Coast or throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, this climate action plan will be adaptable for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians right here in Newfoundland and Labrador.

We're going to be sure of that, but it doesn't happen without the communities of Newfoundland and Labrador so we can tackle climate change in the future, and our federal counterparts, and we're going to continue those conversations. We look forward to those conversations moving forward, but again, it doesn't happen without the communities here in Newfoundland and Labrador. We're going to come up with a climate action plan and this House will know it when we get to it.

Thank you.