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Abstract

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Climate Change, Carbon Politics and the Future of Fossil Fuels

Climate change and Canadian carbon politics are shaping the future of the fossil fuel industries in ways not imagined earlier this century. The presentation is an overview of the global demand for fossil fuels for the next 20 years, Canada's role as the world's fifth largest oil and gas producing on a barrel of oil equivalent basis, and how the climate change issue and domestic "carbon politics" are changing the future of Canada's largest resources industry and second largest industry on a GDP basis.

The presentation is data driven in that it incorporates third party information in a manner that highlights the divergence between the public narrative and political debate and the reality of the world's growing population and economy wealth and the dependence upon coal, oil and natural gas to provide affordable energy and other products to maintain society as we have come to know it.

The conclusion is that Canada's fossil fuel industries are on stronger market, economic and political footing than it appears.

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