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Suzuki Foundation launches “Vote Environment” website

The David Suzuki Foundation has launched “Vote Environment 2008”. The website demands that the next government -- regardless of which party leads it -- address the urgent need for action on the environment. The campaign’s interactive website aims to keep Canadians abreast of where the parties stand on all the issues, wade through the political posturing, and arm voters with the tough questions they need to ask of candidates who aren’t being clear about their position.

Visit the website: www.voteenvironment2008.ca

Election 2008: Pembina Reacts Blog

For expert commentary on the climate change announcements and platforms of the major parties, check out the Pembina Institute’s Election blog at:
www.pembina.org/election2008

Send a sign that you’re voting for Real Action on climate change

Let your federal candidates know that climate change is a key issue for you this election with a lawn sign from Voters Taking Action on Climate Change. Order your free sign at www.vtacc.org/vtacc_template.php?content=lawn_sign

Leading Canadian climatologist slams Conservative policies in new book

The federal Conservatives’ proposed climate strategy has no scientific rationale and is blocking real action to reduce greenhouse gas pollution, according to a book released last week by climatologist and IPCC lead author Andrew Weaver. *Keeping Our Cool:*

Canada in a Warming World has been praised by Canadian academics as "the best single book on our climate crisis and what we should do about it."

The book heavily criticizes the Conservative government for adopting targets with no scientific rationale, dismantling and cutting funding to key federal climate programs, muzzling federal researchers, rebuffing requests for meetings from leading climate scientists, and obstructing international efforts to reduce emissions.

Read the story: www.canada.com/montrealgazette/news/story.html?id=0e8b4f2b-76d8-44bb-89f4-48f5fbe63ba3

World News

British jury acquits direct action climate activists

Six British climate activists were acquitted last week for charges related to their October 2007 action at Kingsnorth power station, a new coal plant set to emit three times as much carbon dioxide as the whole of Rwanda. The activists painted the name "Gordon" down the plant's 656ft chimney to call attention to Prime Minister Gordon Brown's pro-coal policies. The jury agreed with the defense's argument that the danger presented by global warming is so immediate and serious that it justifies taking extreme – and normally illegal – action against it.

<http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5itvqXWPO-IEmfGQbWhFa5cxyzNBQ>

Read the story:

www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/geoffrey-lean-the-public-are-ahead-of-the-game-on-climate-change-929673.html

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