



# NDP & High Gas Prices



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OTTAWA – Lately the NDP have again been claiming that they want to do something about rising gas prices, with NDP Leader Jack Layton criticizing the Conservative government over gas prices (NDP Press Release, May 3, 2007). However, despite the rhetoric, the NDP’s own policies don’t back them up. In fact, **NDP policies call for gas prices to be even higher.** How can Jack Layton and the NDP claim to be for both lower and higher gas prices at the same time?

## The facts – the NDP and Gas Prices:

- According to economists, under the NDP supported Liberal Bill C-288, gas prices would rise 60% above today’s prices. Jack Layton and all NDP MPs present voted FOR this bill (Division No. 112, February 14, 2007)
- Federal NDP leader Jack Layton wants the federal government to force oil companies to rationalize price rises (Vancouver Sun, May 8, 2004).
- “Green Taxation Reforms: The NDP has emphasised the need to change existing tax laws and tax credits that artificially lower the true costs of fossil fuels and nuclear energy.” (NDP Action Plan, previously posted on NDP website)
- “Stop tilting the marketplace towards unsustainable fuel and, over four years, shift government subsidies away from unsustainable fuels towards renewable ones. The first step is to reverse the tax reductions for fossil fuel industries” (NDP Kyoto Plan, previously posted at: <http://douglas.ndp.ca/kyoto/en/taxpa.php>)

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