

## **PLAN? WHAT PLAN?**

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It is only 16 pages long and has not yet been shared with the public, but Alberta's Integrated Energy Strategy, if adopted as currently drafted, could eventually leave a hefty fossil-fuel footprint on every Canadian business. It calls for an aggressive pace of development for oil, gas and coal, and also envisions more exports to China and the US. **Julian Darley**, founder and director of the Vancouver-based Post Carbon Institute, an energy think-tank, describes the draft plan as an Alice in Wonderland document that has no basis in reality. Many parts of the report do not even accurately reflect current government policy. Other experts found glaring omissions in the draft plan on the subject of climate change. So what might a smart energy plan look like? Dave Hughes, a coal specialist with Natural Resources Canada who has lectured widely on global energy issues, would start with demand management.

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