



Charlie Angus Campaign – Response to Evidence for Democracy

Canadian science and scientists have always punched above their weight, contributing new discoveries and technologies that have pushed the boundaries of human knowledge and helped improve human lives.

The role of government with respect to science is to promote a healthy mix of fundamental and applied science, respect the expertise of the public service's scientific professionals, and ensure that scientific evidence plays an important role in determining policy directions.

With respect to rebalancing fundamental and applied science, I would commit to carrying out the recommendations of the Naylor Report, and focus on ensuring that early-career researchers have the resources to do ground-breaking work and that scientific fields look more like Canada.

With regard to the use of evidence in government, I would support measures that ensure scientific integrity in government departments, and create a Parliamentary Science Officer on the model of the Parliamentary Budget Officer to ensure that all parliamentarians have access to high-quality, independent scientific advice and information.

Additionally, my plan to address climate change is focused on finding and implementing evidence-based solutions through an independent National Carbon Budget Council as well as funding and commercializing promising technologies through a new green development Crown corporation.