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## Albertans should be able to determine their own futures — and Confederation should respect their choices.

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For two decades, most major Alberta energy and infrastructure projects have had to run a federal approval gauntlet. Getting one pipeline even to the proposal stage took a memorandum, a carbon concession, an abandoned route, and a federal veto.

Some call independence “walking away.” I call it the chance to negotiate with future partners from a **position of strength** — for the first time. **Change my mind.**

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**Should Alberta have to beg to build, trade and prosper?**

**LET ALBERTA CHOOSE.**

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## About Let's Talk Alberta

*a made-in-Alberta conversation*

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Let's Talk Alberta is a grassroots, civic-education initiative. We host town halls across the province and put the facts behind the headlines into plain language — so Albertans can decide for themselves.

### WHAT WE DO

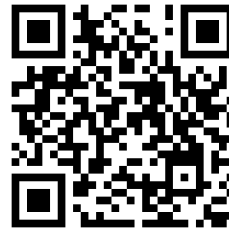
- Town halls in communities big and small
- Plain-facts briefings, sourced and checked
- A place for every Albertan to be heard

### GET INVOLVED

Come to a town hall, bring a neighbour, or host one in your community.



*This was never about a pipeline —  
it's about self-determination.*



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*Everyone welcome.*

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## THIS ISN'T ABOUT A PIPELINE.

## IT'S ABOUT

**This was never about one pipeline.  
It's about who decides whether  
Alberta can build at all.**

Under the federal Impact Assessment regime and related approvals, that decision increasingly rests with Ottawa.

*A pipeline doesn't answer that.  
Self-determination does.*

*“The real choice: keep settling for incremental gains, or chart Alberta's own course for the first time in history.”*

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A LET'S TALK ALBERTA BRIEFING

## The question

get it right and the rest follows



### THE WRONG QUESTION

Will the pipeline reduce support for independence in Alberta?



### THE RIGHT QUESTION

Why should Alberta have to beg for projects — beg for the scraps of Confederation? Isn't Canada supposed to be a country where we build prosperity together?

A pipeline is a barrel of oil moving from A to B. Self-determination is about...



WHO SETS  
THE TERMS



WHO HOLDS  
THE PEN



PARTNER, NOT  
SUPPLICANT

The announcement of permission to **APPLY** for a project should not cancel the important conversation around self-determination.

Announcements like this can distract from the deeper question — who decides Alberta's economic future — but they shouldn't settle it.

## Read the fine print

take the announcement at face value



Alberta didn't get to **build** a pipeline — it got to **apply** to a federal office that rules by October if it's in the "national interest."



Shovels — maybe — in the ground by **late 2027**.



An industrial carbon price currently scheduled to rise toward **\$130 / tonne**.



Its fate tied to the **Pathways** carbon-capture project.



A permanent **north-coast tanker ban** that killed the shorter route to Asia.



Roughly **90% public ownership** — the risk sits with taxpayers.

### A QUESTION WORTH DEBATING

No private company ultimately agreed to build it under existing regulatory and economic conditions, so it's roughly 90% public. Is that a verdict on the oil — or on the conditions?

### SINCE 2015, THE BLOCKS WENT UP



assessment  
laws



tanker  
bans



emissions  
caps



policy  
whiplash



election  
after election

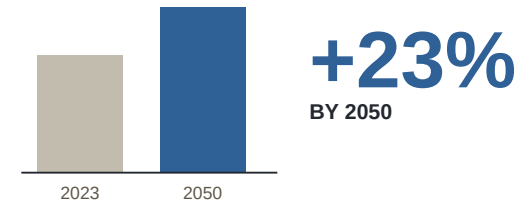
This isn't only about one pipeline. Under the federal Impact Assessment regime and related approvals, Ottawa now holds a deciding vote on Alberta's major energy and infrastructure projects.

Within that arrangement, Alberta has been mostly unsuccessful in building on its own terms.

## The bigger picture

global energy demand is growing

TOTAL WORLD ENERGY DEMAND  
OPEC projection



OIL DEMAND — MILLION BBL / DAY

105 → 124

OPEC: no peak in oil demand anywhere in its forecast.

**+30%** NATURAL GAS BY 2050 **~30%** oil's share

A slightly smaller slice of a much larger pie is still **more oil, not less**.

### THE GROWTH ISN'T COMING FROM US

India alone is projected to add roughly **8 million barrels a day** by 2050. They aren't voting on our emissions caps — they're buying energy to lift their people.

No partner in any relationship should have to beg to prosper.