

# Landscape of BC's Public Sector Climate Action Commitments

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Climate Leadership Symposium

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# Purpose

- Reaffirm the purpose of the public sector climate leadership
- Understand the political and policy landscape today



# In a nutshell

- Reduce emissions & increase energy efficiency in all our public buildings
- Manage climate risks to public sector infrastructure and services

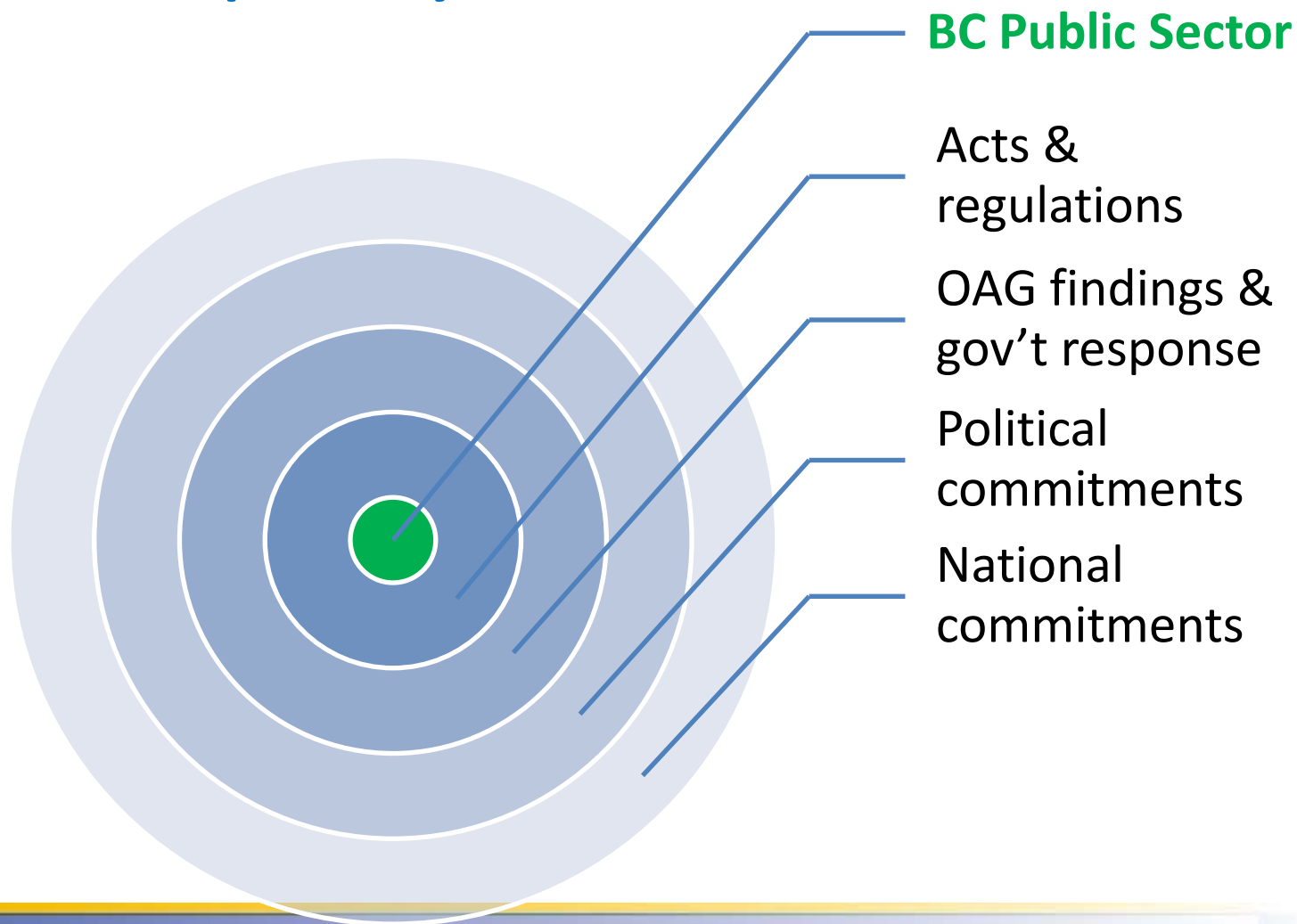


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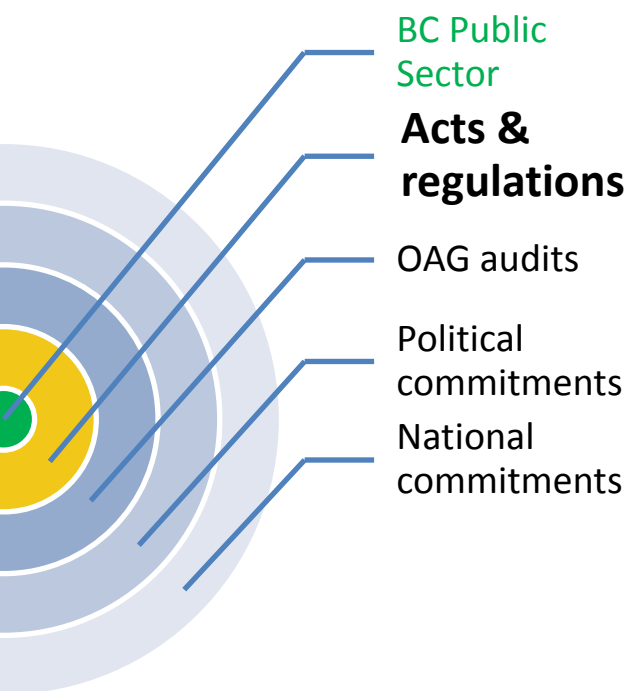
- The climate is changing.
- BC's public sector must be resilient in order to deliver our services in a changing climate.
- BC has committed its public sector to lead by example.



# Political & policy drivers



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## Governing legislation

- *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act*
- Carbon Neutral Government Regulation
- Requirement to minimize emissions

## Reduction targets

- 33% by 2020
- 80% by 2050
  
- NDP commitment 40% by 2030

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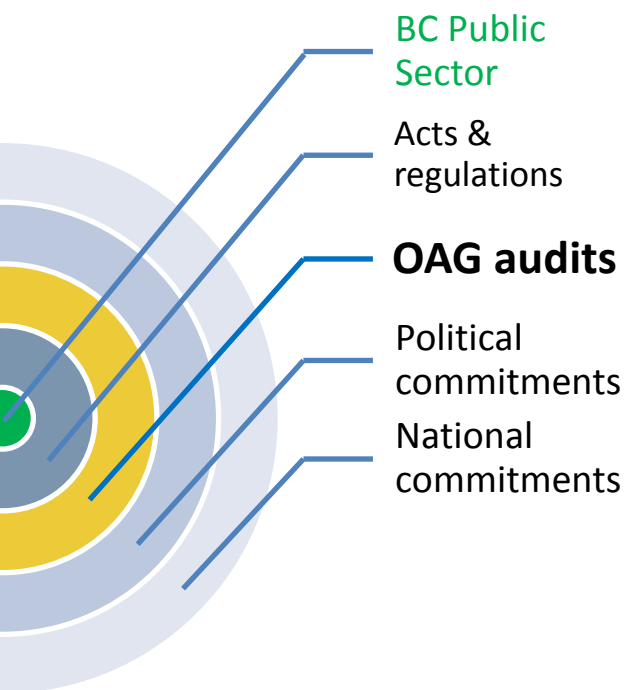
## 2013 Auditor General's Report: An Audit of Carbon Neutral Government

- Ensure each public sector organization is pursuing reasonable actions to reduce emissions
- Government should consider establishing public sector emission reduction targets

## 2015 Auditor General's Report: Monitoring Fiscal Sustainability

- There are risks to B.C.'s long-term fiscal sustainability: an aging population, rising health care costs, climate change, the cost of maintaining and renewing infrastructure, and more.

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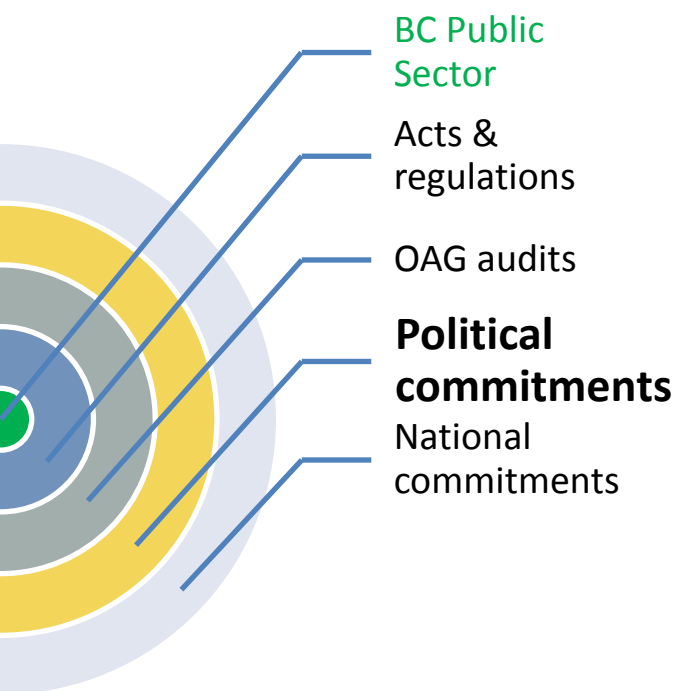
## **(Pending) 2017 Auditor General's Report**

Expected –

- Consider climate change adaptation in government's formal policies and approvals
- Improved disclosure of risks



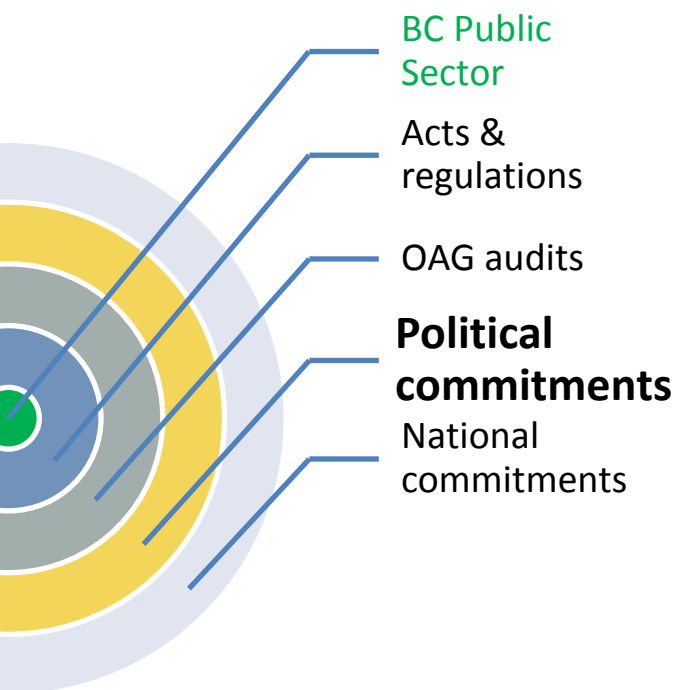
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## Confidence & Supply Agreement

- Build needed hospitals, schools and other infrastructure that reduce emissions and increase energy efficiency throughout BC

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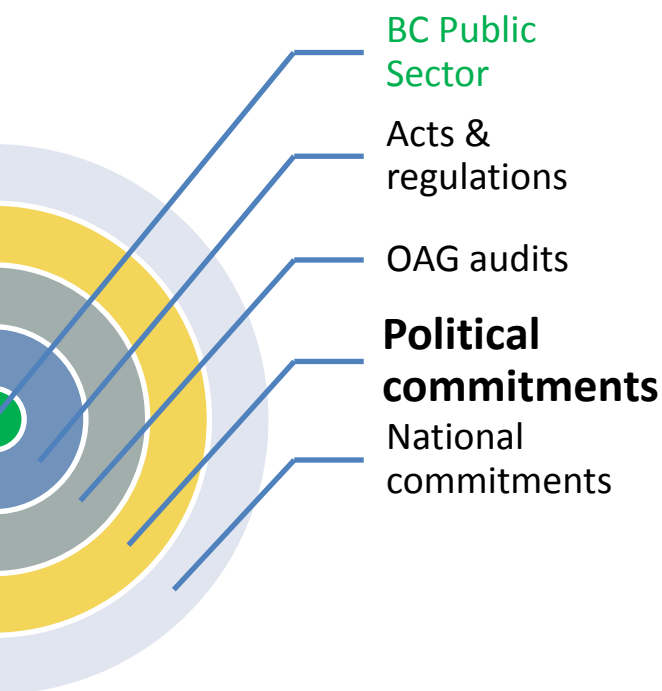
## NDP Platform – Power BC

- Create jobs with a bold new program of energy efficiency retrofits to public buildings
- A serious long-term commitment to energy efficiency in all our public buildings
- Combine energy-efficiency upgrades to our schools and hospitals with much needed seismic upgrades

## NDP Platform – Wood Utilization

- Where possible, we will build new schools with made-in-BC manufactured wood products.
- We will maximize the use of innovative BC wood products in infrastructure projects, like schools, hospitals

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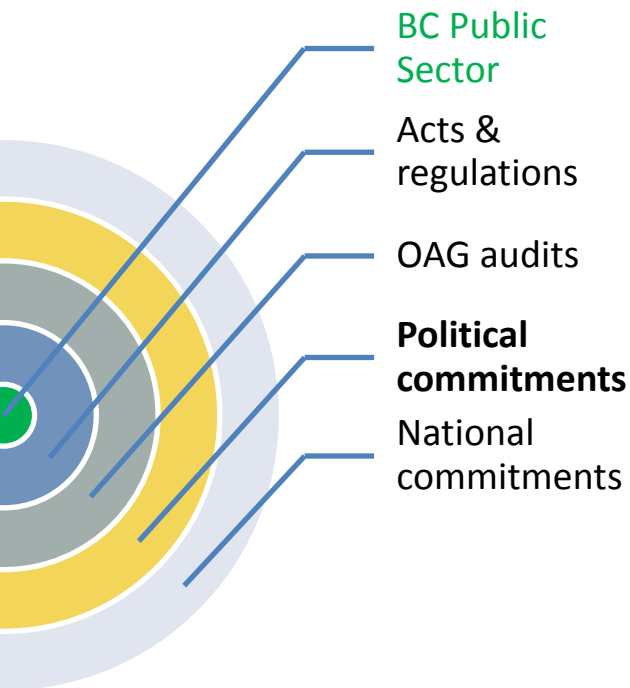
## Fall 2017 Throne Speech

- We must do everything we can to reduce emissions and keep global temperature increases below two degrees.
- Together, we will fight climate pollution and create opportunities for people, including thousands of jobs through energy retrofits and public infrastructure.

## 2007 Throne Speech

- LEED Gold or equivalent policy

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## 2017 Mandate Letters

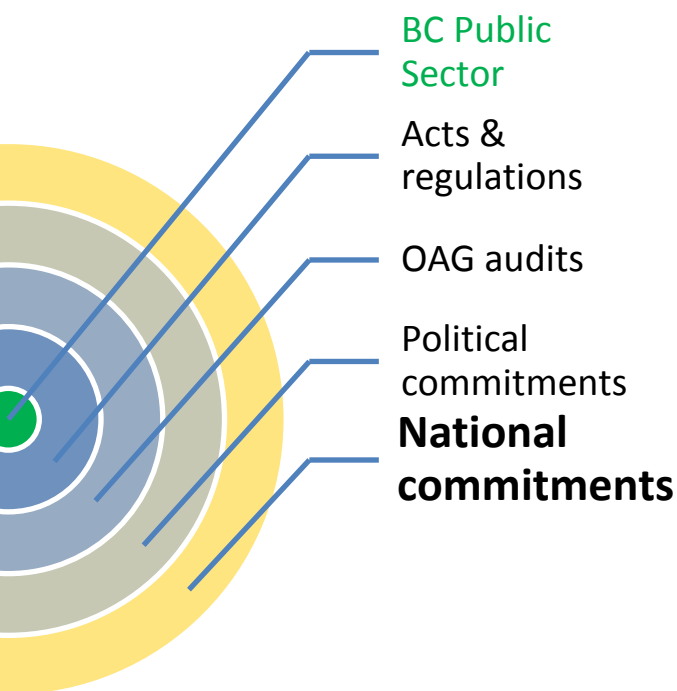
### Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy

- Implement a comprehensive climate-action strategy that provides a pathway for B.C. to prosper economically while meeting carbon pollution reduction targets, including **setting a new legislated 2030 reduction target and establishing separate sectoral reduction targets and plans.**

### Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

- Work with ministries to **ensure public projects prioritize the use of wood.**

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## Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change

### GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP

- Setting ambitious targets
- Cutting emissions from government buildings and fleets
- Scaling up clean procurement
- Develop action plans to green government operations and encourage adoption of clean technologies

WHAT'S  
NEXT?



# Climate Solutions & Clean Growth Advisory Council



# Public Sector Climate Leadership Steering Committee





# What success looks like

- ✓ BC's public sector is meeting or exceeding provincial targets
- ✓ Public sector's infrastructure and service delivery is resilient in the changing climate



# Opportunities

- **\$4M** saved for every **1%** improvement in energy efficiency
- Protect our **infrastructure investments** in a changing climate



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