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*Here are some reasons why people might argue that the federal carbon tax **is** an effective way for Canada to address environmental concerns.*

It's working

Since 2005, Canada's carbon emissions have declined by 7.1%. There is still work to do, but carbon pricing has been credited by experts as having a major impact in helping Canada progress towards its climate objectives. Abandoning an effective policy, especially one that addresses an issue as important as climate change, does not make sense.

It's not too strict

Some environmentalists argue that the carbon tax does not go far enough and should be replaced by a stricter policy. But supporters of the carbon tax argue that what these environmentalists fail to consider is that the carbon tax survived many challenges from its federal and provincial opponents. A more radical approach may not have made it past these hurdles.

It benefits Canadians

For the most part, the revenues from the federal carbon tax are returned to individuals through the Canada Carbon Rebate (CCR). The rebate is paid out quarterly, and puts money back into the wallets of consumers, ensuring that the impact of the carbon tax on their finances is minimal, if not completely offset. CCR payments increase based on where their recipients live: for example, those who live in rural areas who typically have to drive longer distances and thus spend more money on gas, get a bigger rebate.

It's the only real option being proposed

The evidence shows we are in the midst of a climate crisis which requires immediate action. It's all well and good to want to address this issue in a different way, but canceling a successful program with plans that may be difficult to implement is impractical. The carbon tax is not perfect, but unlike its opponents' proposals, it is a real, feasible policy.

Read more:

- [Carbon pricing has only a 'tiny' impact on inflation: economists](#)
- [Canada's budget watchdog re-ran the numbers on the carbon tax — here's what it found](#)