



Petition

Debt-Free B.C.

To Premier Christy Clark and Finance Minister Michael de Jong:

British Columbia's budget deficits and debt financing have pushed provincial debt to an all-time record high. In your 2013 budget, you forecast debt to increase to \$69.7 billion in 2016. We're already paying \$6.84 million in daily interest costs on our existing debt, money that could instead go to improving services or reducing taxes for B.C.'s working families, students, and pensioners. The "Pseudo Ministry of Debt" is now our third most expensive government ministry - behind only health care and education.

It's time you replaced debt management with debt elimination. Your commitment to four balanced budgets from 2013 through 2016 is a good start, but the debt is still growing by \$215 per second. We need to cut waste, bring in debt repayment legislation similar to Ralph Klein's, and reassess the projects causing the debt to grow.

We, the undersigned, demand the B.C. government balance the budget and begin eliminating the provincial debt. We want a Debt-Free B.C.!

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