

# Polluter *Pay* Federation

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## The Polluter *Pay* Federation Concept Benefits Almost Everyone

The inclusive funding model proposed by *Polluter Pay Federation* Steering Committee members benefits all taxpayers, and most Alberta landowners, municipalities, businesses and workers, but simply cannot benefit everyone.

**Left out in the Cold** For the Few Little Benefit



There shall be opposition to formation of the *Polluter Pay Federation*. Those who will derive no benefit from formation of the *Polluter Pay Federation* include those within the following, powerful, interest groups:

- Fracking companies and their employees
- Corrupt oil executives
- Corrupt Regulators and their corrupt employees
- Shareholders / employees of broke or unprofitable oil companies
- Industry-captured political parties or politicians
- Municipal governments happy to let industry escape the obligation to pay fair taxes that all ratepayers have
- Over-extended banks (loans to industry)

## Most Segments of Society Derive Great, Multiple Benefits

**Taxpayers**

- Municipal
- Provincial
- Federal

If industry is allowed to leave their messes behind, or to continue to fail to pay municipal taxes or landowners:

1. Industry will have dumped its massive liabilities on land (surface) owners or mineral owners.
2. **Indemnified landowners will recover their losses from the taxpayer pursuant to Alberta law**

**Real Property Owners**

- Surface
- Minerals

**Existing Business**

Ridding the landscape of hundreds of thousands of wells and facilities, and cleaning up land not owned by the industry occupier creates decades of intense work and all manner of new business opportunities (a **New Economy**).

**Entrepreneurs**

**Private Sector Workers**

Increased and new business create jobs, and jobs spur the economy. If governments will not require polluters to pay as required by law, it will fall to citizens and the courts to do so, creating a new, robust economy. Public pension funds need to be protected from risky industry investment strategies (AIMCO) or the retirement plans of workers are jeopardized.

**Public Sector Workers**

**Prudent Lenders**

Lenders who have not over-extended themselves (by providing loans and credit facilities to an industry that largely cannot meet its repayment obligations) will find themselves with excellent business opportunities to fill a financing gap that Canada's major banks may not be able to cover.

**Credit Unions**

**Protecting the rights of the majority, rather than a corrupt minority  
Looking to the future, with the lessons of the past in mind**