

# Save energy but don't pollute: poll

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Although the majority of respondents to an energy questionnaire from Mississauga MP Don Blenkarn agree that speed limits should be reduced by 10 mph and tax removed from insulation materials, better than half are opposed to measures which could pollute the environment.

Preliminary results, with 7,500 returns to date, indicate that 80 per cent of respondents would favour reducing speed limits by 10 per cent and 74.5 per cent

agree that sales tax should be removed from insulation and storm doors and windows as an incentive to keep heating costs down.

However 63.5 per cent voted against relaxing pollution standards to allow some industries to use coal or bulk fuel to meet their energy requirements as it would mean increased amounts of sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere.

Another 30.5 per cent favoured the relaxed standards and six per cent

were undecided.

On the removal or alteration of automobile anti-pollution equipment to save the use of gas, 48.5 per cent agreed with the measures, 47 per cent voted against them and 4.5 per cent were undecided.

Asked if efforts should be made immediately to build an oil pipeline that would allow an oil policy of only Canadian oil supplying the nation, 91.5 per cent agreed, one per cent said no and 7.5 per cent were undecided.

With the present rate of returns, Blenkarn said he expects upwards of 20,000 replies after the Christmas mail rush is over.

He added that many replies included letters suggesting measures that might be taken to conserve energy.

Some suggestions were to adopt year round daylight saving time, to force use of public transit and to speed up research into alternate forms of energy.