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Speech from the Throne 2025 - Briefing Note

Overview of Climate Highlights

The Speech from the Throne for the 45th Parliament was given on May 27, 2025 by His Majesty King Charles III in the Senate Chamber. A recording of the speech can be found [here](#), while a written account can be found [here](#).

Addressing Challenges in a Changing World

In his opening remarks, King Charles acknowledged the shifting geopolitical landscape and its many associated challenges. The primary examples he cited were peace and stability, economic issues, and *climate change*.

Growing and Reaffirming Biodiversity Commitments

On the topic of biodiversity, nature was described as core to Canada's identity. To this point, the 2022 COP15 biodiversity summit in Montréal was cited, where 196 countries including Canada signed on to an agreement to designate 30% of their land and marine areas as environmentally protected areas by 2030. As of the end of 2023, Canada has protected [13.7% of its terrestrial area](#) and [14.7% of its marine area](#). These 30 x 30 goals will require accelerated effort to attain.

The speech further promised that conservation work would continue through the creation of additional National Parks, National Urban Parks, Marine Protected Areas, and other initiatives, though no details were provided.



King Charles delivers the Speech from the Throne in the Senate Chamber, alongside Prime Minister Mark Carney and Queen Camilla.
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Accelerating Project Development

Through the creation of a special office, the government plans to reduce the time to approve major development projects from five years to two, while keeping existing environmental assessment standards and constitutional obligations to Indigenous peoples in tact. No further details were provided on how these issues would be impacted by the shortened timeframe. Additionally, the government seeks to double the Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program, highlighting Indigenous ownership as a long-term goal.

Canada as an Energy Superpower

The government proposed that the removal of existing development barriers will enable Canada to become the world's leading energy superpower in both "clean" and "conventional" energy, referring to oil and gas. Although a commitment to fighting climate change through this process was reaffirmed, it is not clear how this will occur.