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### 97.1 Health Care Ensuring Quality

- a) monitor changes to ensure system does not compromise quality of health care
- b) guarantee savings from hospital re-structuring are invested in relevant community care

### 97.2 Privatization of the Ontario Clean Water Agency

- a) retain and continue to operate Ontario Clean Water Agency as an essential public service.

### 97.3 Supporting Public School Education

- b) affirm commitment to public education
- c) financially support public education at progressive levels and
- d) remove threat to local governance of school systems

### 97.4 Child Protection Services

- a) develop, in conjunction with federal and other provincial governments, national standards under new Canada Health and Social Transfer to ensure adequate designated funds to provide child protection and preventive community services.

### 97.5 Respite Care Relief for Caregivers

- a) ensure adequate respite care, on regular basis and for emergencies, is available across province through government funded programs to provide relief for family caregivers

### 97.6 Accepting Responsibility for Housing

- a) create housing policies publicly ensuring citizens shelter in suitable, affordable and adequate housing
- b) re-affirm responsibility to provide adequate housing rather than transferring it to municipalities.

### 97.7 Plant and Work Sites Abandonment: Responsibility for Public Safety

- a) enact legislation requiring those responsibility for plants and work sites being closed, sold or abandoned to
- b) leave site free from hazards
- c) conduct safety and environmental audit
- d) act upon safety and environmental audit recommendations before closing site or transferring ownership
- e) establish perpetual care policy with appropriate funding for insurance coverage
- f) ensure ownership be transferred or creditors receive money only after site is deemed safe and secure.

### 97.8 The Importance of Nutrition

- a) adequately fund prenatal education with emphasis on importance of nutrition
- b) ensure adequate nutrition for low-income pregnant women through community based nutrition programs
- c) ensure child nutrition by adequately funding community and school supplementary meal programs

### 97.9 Restoration of Social Program Funding

- a) restore funding to social programs rather than make tax deductions

### 97.10 Ontario Hydro: Moving to a Sustainable Energy Future for Ontario

- a) retain Ontario Hydro as a Crown Corporation
- b) ensure nuclear plants are phased out
- c) ensure sustainable energy strategies and alternative energy sources be key features of long term provincial energy plan

### **97.11 Safety of Young People in the Work Force**

- a) ensure each new worker receives training and written training information from the employer, outlining worker's rights and responsibilities and employer's expectations
- b) instruction on health and safety in workplace be made available in all applicable educational institutions

### **97.12 Opposing Video Lottery Terminals in Ontario**

- a) repeal Bill 75
- b) in interim, regulate location, accessibility and operation of VLTs to ensure restricted access
- c) strict enforcement of regulations by trained inspectors
- d) municipalities allowed to prohibit VLTs in areas under their jurisdiction
- e) provide education on extent and risks of gambling
- f) provide public disclosure of costs and profits from operation of VLTs

### **97.13 Lawn Pesticide Application**

- a) phase out use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes
- b) in interim require homeowner to post sprayed areas for public notification.

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### **97.14E Devolution of Social Housing to Municipalities**

- a) commit funds to remedial repair of Ontario's public housing, non-profit and non-profit co-op housing projects before devolution takes place
- b) maintain and enforce province-wide standards in eligibility and maintenance to ensure social housing is delivered effectively and equitably to low income households across province
- c) ensure in passing social housing to municipalities that financial viability for both short term and long term will be maintained by municipalities
- d) ensure existing community-based governance structures of current non-profit and non-profit co-op housing in Ontario are maintained

### **97.15 E Downloading of Social Assistance to Municipalities**

- a) withdraw proposal to devolve responsibility for welfare to municipalities
- b) make sure new proposed shifts are revenue neutral
- c) obtain suitable agreement among affected municipalities before enacting legislation.