



She's never had a real job and it shows



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So, here is what we know. Green energy, mostly wind is expensive.

So expensive manufacturers are shunning Ontario as a place to do business.

So expensive companies like Toyota have decided to build cars elsewhere, namely Kentucky.

So expensive heavy machinery manufacturer Caterpillar is shutting a Toronto – area plant and relocating back to the United States. Another 330 well paying manufacturing jobs are quietly slipping away from the land of solar and wind farms.

So expensive a company like NOVA Chemicals with substantial holdings here is looking beyond here for its next big thing. Not here, but down there. Along the US gulf coast where NOVA can produce polyethylene, a commodity for less. Pennies less. Power costs are 60 per cent less and in a commodity business like polyethylene production pennies represent thousands and thousands lead to millions and millions lead to jobs, well paying jobs.

Caterpillar, headquartered in Peoria, Illinois knows at four cents a kilowatt it can make stuff. It can make graders, and diggers and mining equipment and locomotives and things it used to be able to make here but can't anymore. Caterpillar knows it can create well paying jobs. But not here. Over there.

Rory Ring the Chamber of Commerce president has the figures at his fingertips. He will tell anyone who graces his door that Ontario has lost 500,000 manufacturing jobs since 2003 and replaced them with 300,000 public service jobs.

He blames government and particularly the provincial government of Dalton McGuinty and Kathleen Wynne. When one mentions their names he goes into an uncontrollable rant about how taxes from government jobs are different from those of private sector jobs. Words like “ridiculous” and “insanity” infiltrate the conversation as his arms flail about when the cost of power is linked to companies like NOVA Chemicals.

Speak about Lambton Generating Station and the conversation moves to rage. Ring asks “why would this premier shut down a \$500 million asset like Lambton Generating Station without converting it to natural gas?”

Why? Because Kathleen Wynne has never had a private sector job. There isn't any entrepreneurial spirit. She's never had to make a payroll and there isn't any chance she has had to explain profit and loss to a banker.

So here we are stuck between a tree hugger premier who is destroying the economy and a US chemical manufacturer that wants to grow it but not necessarily here. You can see where this story is heading.

Wynne will shutdown Lambton Generating Station and walking away from a \$500 million asset. She will build a new \$500 million gas – fired generating station next to Lambton Generating Station but not for any good economic reasons and NOVA Chemicals will locate along the US gulf coast for very good economic reasons.

Here in Ontario there will be higher power costs, more unemployment and a continuation of a slow economic decline.

Toyota, Caterpillar and NOVA Chemicals will go where they are welcomed and the economics make sense. And that isn't here.