

1 Q. How has Hydro considered and planned for increasing climate change risks such as wildfires and
2 high wind events specifically for its rural service areas?

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5 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") has engaged an external consultant to perform a
6 Climate Change Risk and Resilience Assessment, followed by an Adaptation Plan. The objective
7 of this assessment is to identify which assets and locations carry the most climate risk, and to
8 build an adaptation plan for addressing those risks over the next five, ten, and fifteen years. It
9 covers all of Hydro's assets from generation, transmission, distribution, dams and water control
10 structures to administrative buildings. This work is expected to be completed in 2027. Climate-
11 related risks such as wildfires and high wind events would be climate hazards assessed against
12 all of Hydro's assets, including those in rural service areas. A wildfire mitigation plan for Hydro
13 has been developed. In addition, please refer to Hydro's 2026-2030 Strategic Plan¹ for further
14 information on strategies and actions Hydro is taking to reinforce system resilience.

¹ "Strategic Plan 2026-2030," Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, <https://nlhydro.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/STRAT-PLAN-2026-2030-FINAL.pdf>.