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Open letter to Premier Gordon Campbell

Why the HST now?

British Columbia experiences financial crises, created by Premier Gordon Campbell and his government.

Mr. Campbell had a serious drinking problem in the past, which may have made some damage.

MISUSE OF ALCOHOL WILL DAMAGE THE BRAIN?

<http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/aa63/aa63.htm>

New innovations in imaging technology have helped alcohol researchers study:

How alcohol damages internal organs, such as the brain and the liver.

http://wiki.answers.com/Q/How_does_alcohol_affect_the_brain

The Adolescent Brain and the College Drinker: Biological Basis of Propensity to Use and Misuse Alcohol:

http://www.jsad.com/jsad/article/The_Adolescent_Brain_and_the_College_Drinker_Biological_Basis_of_Propensit/1466.html

ALCOHOL DAMAGES YOUR BRAIN

<http://www.online-ambulance.com/articles/doc/11/grp/Alcohol/pg/3/art/DAMAGES.htm>

WE have witnessed such immature behavior during almost all UBC Conventions. Times were leaders live by example belong unfortunately to the past.

Mr. Premier, WE have lost all respect for you as a person, and as leader of the BC Government. You're misusing our trust, received by the people of British Columbia. Shame on YOU!

Why we have just now financial short falls in BC? It must be assumed the HST was planned a long time before the last Provincial Election. Did Premier Gordon Campbell committed Election Fraud?

**Yours truly,
Guenter Rieger**

Mike says. www.fighthst.com

Hansen is running scared and is trying his damndest to intimidate the voters of BC while we are exercising our democratic right! I have never seen such a flagrant display of a dictatorship such as this poor excuse for a Government running BC. This out of control Government has got to be brought down and soon! I urge all voters of BC to sign the HST petition and after all that is said and done I agree with Bill VanderZalm we need to start recalling our useless MLA's

From Garth Turner's blog, <http://www.greaterfool.ca/>:

This brings us to the HST. The Harmonized Sales Tax will come into effect on July 1st for the sixteen million people living in Ontario and BC. This means the GST and PST will be combined into one levy, 12% in Ontario and 13% in BC. Provincial politicians would have you believe this is no big deal since both taxes already exist.

But it is. Real big. The PST, you see, is a tax on stuff. The GST is a tax on life. So when they're combined, PST will for the first time be applied to services as well as goods. This broadening of the tax base is exactly what the provinces want, since it becomes a cash vache. Some blog dogs have asked how this will affect real estate. After all, resale houses will not have the HST applied when a property changes hands. Despite that fact, some numbnuts realtors have been leading panicked and fact-challenged buyers into rush decisions to buy in order to `beat the HST.` The truth is HST will apply only to the sale and purchase of new houses costing more than \$400,000 in

Ontario and \$525,000 in BC. Up to those price levels, buyers will receive a rebate big enough to offset the tax. Above that, however, expect to pay oodles more. Needless to say, this is not good news for highend builders in either province.

But does that mean HST is a non-event for the rest of the market?

Hardly. HST, at 12% or 13% will soon apply to all real estate commissions, for example. So, on the sale of an average SFH in Van at \$1 million with a 5% commission, that's 13% charged on \$50,000, or \$6,500 tax. There will also be HST on the lawyer drafting the deal, the home appraiser, the home inspector, the movers and the raccoon removal guys. In short, it will raise the cost of both buying and selling.