

# Homegrown solution to a global problem

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Dr. Reese Halter has been blessed with the ability to take a complex scientific issue and boil it down to an understandable nugget everyone can understand.

The internationally renowned conservation biologist and author was in the city last week simplifying global warming and offering up a homegrown plan of action.

"Right now on Earth the deal is how warm are we?" Halter begins. "Well if you do the math you can figure out we run the equivalent of 25 trillion light bulbs, 24/7, 365, non-stop. That breaks down to roughly 4,000 light bulbs per person on the planet Earth.

"So, this is a no brainer.



- Rob Kruyt, 24 hours

**Conservation biologist Dr. Reese Halter has a simple explanation for global warming and a homegrown plan of action.**

Obviously we turn a few off, probably a lot off. But the others that we don't turn off we switch to compact fluorescent lights and we

save 70 per cent of the energy."

Halter picks British Columbia as the leading candidate to spur a global

switch to more efficient technologies.

The province's long coastline is ideal for offshore wind farms run by government or industry to generate clean energy, he said.

Steering away from statistics, Halter says the problem is evident with grocery store spikes in prices because of a shrinking food supply.

He figures those day-to-day changes will create a demand for new green industries.

"Hope is in the air and capitalism [is] the leading the charges," he says. "At the end of the day new technologies and burgeoning industries create jobs and jobs bring stability."

- Dharm Makwana, 24 hours