

'Amending Tasmania's climate change legislation' submission

Form Summary

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Submission: The Government is to be congratulated for accepting all seven recommendations of the review, albeit with 'in principle' qualifiers to 2 of them (3,4). These qualifiers, it is stated, are to be addressed and incorporated through a whole-of-government policy framework, but little is said about what 'whole-of-government' encompasses and although 'work will now commence' there is no time frame indicated for its completion, which is likely to have knock-on effects for implementation of the Climate Action Plan. Likewise, it is encouraging to see \$10million included in the 2021-22 budget for implementation of the legislated Climate Action Plan, but there is no indication of a time frame for the development of this plan which, naturally, will be required before an implementation plan can be enacted. In light of the decisions made at COP26 highlighting the urgency of actions required before 2030 it suggests that the proposed 5-yearly review of the CAP (and the risk assessment) is inadequate, and that provision should be made to enable more frequent amendments, perhaps aligned with the annual reporting proposed by the review, which it is not clear whether or not the government plans to implement. In addition, whilst agreeing that some sectors are not as ready as others to implement a sector plan, the urgency transmitted by COP26 suggests every effort should be made to reduce the 2-year time frame proposed.

Consent to publish: Yes, I am happy for my submission to be published