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The Climate Change Act & State Government response to climate change	
To what extent should climate change considerations (e.g. greenhouse gas emissions, climate change impacts, climate resilience) influence policies and decisions by State government agencies and government business enterprises?	These issues and considerations should be front and centre for all decisions taken by State government agencies and business enterprise. To not do so is gross denial and negligence of the communities and environment that they have been tasked to govern.
How important is it to you that the Tasmanian government systematically assess and disclose the main risks associated with projected climate change?	Systematic assessment is only the first step to understanding what the risks are. Updated, adjusted and transparent targets, risks and processes need to be made available to everyone. Without this continual feed of new knowledge, critical decisions (like planning approvals and resource management) cannot possibly evolve from the outdated mindsets that they currently stem from.
How might the Act provide you with confidence that successive State governments will continue to act to contain/reduce Tasmania's emissions and build climate resilience?	Scientifically based understanding and recommendations should be above and beyond political tenancies. Long term environmental thinking and strategies should not be subject to popularity polls, this thinking needs to live with communities and organisations that do not change every few years.
How might the Act drive further decarbonisation of the Tasmanian economy (e.g. via setting/legislating targets for sectors of the economy, potentially including interim targets)?	A clear roadmap with aggressive goals (in a fragile and ever-changing environment) is an essential keystone for progressive change. Without this nothing will happen.
If the Act were to espouse principles that would guide consideration of climate change by government, its agencies and business enterprises, what might they be?	Tasmania needs to be self sufficient - it has the resources, if only we would stop exporting and start circulating. Tasmania has the potential to be a net exporter of green energy, even after supplying all of its own power, therefore: All decisions must be taken to support these goals. Supporting this would be principles around optimal passive performance and efficiencies of all dwellings and commercial building to reduce energy consumption. Systems thinking around food and resource networks to ensure all Tasmanians are fed with locally produce and supplied with local resources, then excesses can be exported. Shift farming mindsets and incentivise carbon sequestration as the primary product of all farming - animal and crop outputs should be by products of this goal.

Global Climate Action & Tasmania	
Within the context of global agreements to action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, what do you consider to be the main roles of the Tasmanian government and how effective do you believe the government has been?	Incentives and infrastructure for electric vehicles, provisions for cycle routes everywhere. Developing neighbourhood micro grids for solar use and circulation. Reducing export, increasing circularity.
What would Tasmania be like in 10 years' time if it was a national or international leader in climate change responses?	The perfect international case-study and a place we would be proud to live in! As a small and contained island we can control the flow of resource much like the vaunted Switzerland or Singapore, we have a smaller population to look after and ample food production and carbon sequestration opportunities.

Emissions Targets	
What would you consider to be an appropriate long-term greenhouse gas emissions or emissions reduction target for Tasmania (in terms of date and level of emissions or emissions reduction)?	Carbon neutral by 2026.
What (if any) value do you think targets for specific sectors of the economy would offer, including for the sector itself? If you agree with the concept of sectoral emissions targets, which sectors should have emissions targets? Why?	All building and development sectors should have extremely high energy efficiency targets that mean heating and cooling are virtually unnecessary (passive house standards). State quotas for gas vs electric vehicles. Carbon sequestration targets for all farmers and primary producers.
What key factors should influence Government decisions to set State, sectoral and/or interim targets?	What are the highest standard globally that we can peg our achievements to by sector? These.

Low Carbon & Economy & Society	
What do you consider to be the main risks and opportunities for Tasmania as it continues to transition towards a low/zero carbon economy and society? What risks and opportunities may arise if Tasmania transitions more slowly/more rapidly?	None. All the jobs that are currently supported have transferrable skills into a zero carbon economy, there are simply not the norms, market demand or incentives prevalent to make this equally attractive. The risks are manifold... loss of habitat, natural and man-made.
What do you consider to be the main roles for State government in supporting Tasmania's low/zero carbon transition?	Going beyond targets and shifting to requirements. Providing the necessary infrastructure and incentives to make change the path of least resistance for all.

Climate Resilience & Adaptation	
What do you consider to be the main roles for State government in supporting Tasmanian communities, infrastructure, economic activities and environments in becoming more resilient to projected climate change?	Action. All points as above.
Is there anything else you would like to add?	
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