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Dear Climate Change Office staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Climate Change Action Plan. My more cynical peers tell me that my feedback won't make any difference to the outcome, but I refuse to give up hope that my efforts might make at least a small difference. At 25 years old, I manage my terror of the future climate collapse, by small acts like this.

I apologise for the brevity of this feedback. I have more to say than my comments below, but I am time poor with my work and other commitments.

I applaud the initiatives and goals in the draft Climate Change Action Plan. However, this plan does not take the urgency of the best scientific advice seriously. I'm sure you are aware of the science based approach needed as much as I am. I can only assume that the necessary actions have been watered down as a result of the influence of carbon intensive industries on the Tasmanian government. This plan serves GHG emitters more than it serves the Tasmanian people. It certainly adds to my generation's fears, more than it gives us hope.

Until Tasmania has climate legislation and a Climate Change Plan that has more substance than greenwashed spin, me and my peers can only look forward to a world described by Federal Court Justice Bromberg:

"It is difficult to characterise in a single phrase the devastation that the plausible evidence presented in this proceeding forecasts for the Children. As Australian adults know their country, Australia will be lost and the World as we know it gone as well. The physical environment will be harsher, far more extreme and devastatingly brutal when angry. As for the human experience - quality of life, opportunities to partake in nature's treasures, the capacity to grow

and prosper - all will be greatly diminished. Lives will be cut short. Trauma will be far more common and good health harder to hold and maintain. None of this will be the fault of nature itself. It will largely be inflicted by the inaction of this generation of adults, in what might fairly be described as the greatest inter-generational injustice ever inflicted by one generation of humans upon the next."

The ongoing failure of our policy makers to lead the necessary actions on climate change is simply devastating for my generation. This weak draft Climate Change Action Plan is simply a continuation of the inter-generational injustice that our leaders inflict upon my generation.

This plan could be improved by:

- Setting emissions reductions targets that are far more ambitious
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- Removing reliance on carbon offsets
- Including a plan for a "Commission for the Future" similar to the Welsh model. This alone, may lead to better outcomes for my generation and beyond.
- Providing a detailed plan for how lower income people will be cared for and assisted through the transition to a low carbon future
- Less greenwashed spin
- More detailed actions with set targets that are measurable
- Having strong mitigation actions as the major focus. While resilience is important, no amount of resilience will protect my generation. The focus

must be urgent mitigation.

- Really listening to the science and acting accordingly. This plan does not do that. It may have been a good plan for 1980, but 2023 is too late for such a weak plan.
- Make more of the Tasmanian advantage for new clean green jobs
- Ensure a just transition for affected workers
- Listen to Palawa voices. A token acknowledgement is not enough.
- Include support for those of us with climate anxiety and grief. This will only get worse until we see plans that really act on the science.
- Provide solutions for those of us who are not able to find home/contents insurance in many parts of Tas, or are not able to afford the skyrocketing premiums

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission. I look forward to the day when I am able to make a submission congratulating the Climate Change Office on a plan that really does prioritise people over government influencers.

Regards,
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