

# 'Amending Tasmania's climate change legislation' submission

## Form Summary

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Submission: To Whom it may concern This small island is blessed thanks to the air streams in the Southern Oceans with steady and reliable long-term rainfall. Thanks to past good planning this has been turned by Hydro Tasmania into a considerable asset through water storage and the water powered generation of electricity. The potential for real benefit has been wasted. The cable was cooked to generate a high rate of return from our hydro asset. The Carbon Tax under the Abbott government was scrapped costing the State of Tasmania 300 million dollars per annum. We will soon start logging old growth forests to buy votes for the re-election of a Liberal State Government. Putting all this aside the State Government could legislate to make it illegal to sell a petrol or diesel car on the island from 2025. We could then use our water to power electric cars and trucks and run down the old stock of fossil fuel cars. The incentive would be cheap fuel costs. Send the smelters packing and allow Tasmanians to use their own electricity at a smelter rate. No second cable, buy the current cable from Keppel and send surplus electricity when we control all avenues to the mainland. Keep our power on the island for the benefit of Tasmanians. These simple actions would reduce the islands carbon footprint and put all other states into the dunce's corner All this would make world headlines, combine our clean and green image, boost tourism, and make us a ridiculously cheap place for residents to live and for tourists to visit. Try it. John Hawkins

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