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1. Do you agree with the proposed vision and goals for the action plan? Which goals are you most supportive of? Are there any other goals that should be considered?

Yes, it is reasonable as a high-level plan but It some things are missing which is strange because they are specifically referenced in the Act.

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1. Division 1 of the Act is headed Target and Action Planning.

In the Plan however targets are pretty light on. More specific targets would be good.

2. The Act is very specific about the health and wellbeing of Tasmanians and specifically future generations but there is very little in the Plan about doing anything about the very real problems for the mental health of particularly young people.

3. The Plan is understandably perhaps concentrates on what can be done locally to minimize impacts on climate but underdoes the impacts of global change on Tasmania, particularly on people in their everyday lives, their health, work etc

2. Will the three priority areas -
 - (1) information and knowledge
 - (2) transition and innovation and
 - (3) adaptation and resilience, help Tasmania achieve its legislated 2030 emissions reduction target, and its vision for action on climate change? Are there other issues not covered by the three priority areas?

Yes you should be able to cover everything with these headings.

3. Will the key actions under Priority area 1 help support decision making for you and your community or organisation? What types of projects should be supported under the final action plan?

I reckon you need to be more up front about the threats we face, Starting perhaps with the latest IPCC report. Yes, it says it's not quite too late if everyone does the right thing. But even in your Plan there is no intention to do that (eg coal and gas and imaginary offsets). The hope of the whole world doing it is wildly optimistic.

This means there has to be much more emphasis on how we are preparing to deal with what is coming. Otherwise, half the population will wake up one day saying wow, I didn't know this was coming, why didn't they tell us?

4. Will the key actions under Priority area 2 support Tasmania to achieve its 2030 emissions reduction target and continued emissions reduction across Tasmania? What types of projects should be supported under the final action plan?

A bit weak here. Should be no more coal and gas, no more native forest logging. More emphasis on electrifying everything and on encouraging the uptake of electric vehicles by the general public and industry. More assistance to build the network of charging stations, for example.

5. Will the key actions under Priority area 3 build resilience and support adaptation planning across Tasmania? What types of projects should be supported under the final action plan?

It is reasonably comprehensive except for the point about helping the community being more resilient. At the moment as a community, we are doing the opposite.

From Section 4 of the Act

(e) support a consultative partnership approach with relevant business, industry, scientific, environmental and community bodies, children and young people, local government, relevant unions, the peak body representing trade unions and the Tasmanian community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience to the impacts of climate change, including considering the impacts of climate change on –

- (i) the health and wellbeing of Tasmanians; and
- (ii) future generations

So the Act is explicit in requiring the building resilience of people, particularly young people and future generations. That is not going to happen properly until we start telling the truth. Start with studying the IPCC report in schools. The messages in that pretty clear and easy to understand but I wonder how many kids or parents have even heard of it.

5A of the Act includes:

(5) The actions in the climate change action plan must –

(b) build resilience to the impacts of a changing climate through adaptation measures; and

(6) In developing a climate change action plan, the Minister is to take into account the following matters:

(d) the latest and best available science on the projected impacts of climate change on Tasmania;

(e) consultation with relevant business, industry, scientific, environmental and community bodies, children and young people, local government, relevant unions, the peak body representing trade unions and the Tasmanian community;

And Section 5B

(1) The Minister is to prepare a statewide climate change risk assessment within 2 years after the commencement of this Act and at least every 5 years thereafter.

(2) In developing a statewide climate change risk assessment, the Minister is to take into account the following matters:

(a) the latest and best available science on the projected impacts of climate change on Tasmania;

(b) consideration of the risks associated with energy transition, including social and economic impacts;

(c) consideration of economic, social and environmental implications of climate change and assessment of the associated risks to Tasmanian communities, natural environments and ecosystems and economic activity;

(d) the impact of climate change on –

- (i) the health and wellbeing of Tasmanians; and
- (ii) future generations;

So, to be consistent with the Act, the Plan should have more emphasis on how people's lives will be effected. The IPCC report tells us a lot. A simple example - don't plan on making a living catching fish. Or think carefully about where you want to live.

And there are other things such as the impacts on people's health, the impacts of climate migrants buying up land in Tasmania and what that means for people.

6. Are there other ways the government could make its action on climate change, and progress towards meeting its targets, more transparent and accessible?

Just acknowledge that although we are an island what happens globally effects us People deserve to be told the truth. The mental health of young people is already being impacted by various crises and it will only get worse with Climate Change. They have a right to participate in deciding their future, so your Plan should try much harder to keep them informed and give them that chance.

7. If you have any further questions or feedback please add it here

8. Please provide your full name, or the name of your organisation *

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10. Do you give permission for the Climate Change Office to publish your submission? *

Yes

No