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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?

I do not support any of the current Action Plan. I do not believe it addresses climate-biodiversity in any way, or deliver any pathway for Tasmania to benefit from the Marinus Project, Tasnetworks' new transmission grid or the industrialisation of our north for the pecuniary benefit of foreign renewables investors, TasNetworks (Jurisdictional Planner of the energy sector), and the State government via efficiency dividends from GBEs. I do not in any way accept it as sincere, nor the fundamental business-as-usual-but-with-more-renewables-industry as in any way addressing action on climate-biodiversity.

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?

These curated questions are carefully designed to guide the answers into malleable forms that can be used to prop up the pretence of 'extensive community engagement and consultation'. Community have been excluded at every level of decisionmaking on the current plans, with tokenistic surveys and choreographed focus groups producing the outcomes desired by TasNetworks and Recfit on behalf of the current government. The plans do nothing to set a genuine pathway for Tasmania to address climate-biodiversity, and are intended solely as greenwashing to cover inaction.

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?

Our community, along with many others, have been forced into a war with TasNetworks and the state government, who seek to impose plans that adversely affect, impact and cost us, but which will benefit TasNet and the State government. We've been backgrounded against, called names, ignored, lied to, our concerns dismissed or derided. Worst practice community consultation will continue as it is now, because this isn't about action on climate, it's about money.

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?

The deliberate focus on emissions and targets (none enforceable, and with plenty of wiggle room to offset) ignores the wider economy. While most of our power is non-fossil fuel sourced, our wider economy relies on unsustainable economic activity that is entirely based on the continuing use of fossil fuels - something this plan completely ignores. Token mentions of electric vehicles is greenwashing that ignores where our clothes, electronic devices, vehicles, power tools and much else is made - in fossil-fuel powered China. We need planning that listens to communities and works toward an all-electric, sustainable and circular economy. There is nothing in this plan that looks at that, and everything that uses the cover of a renewables industry to do nothing.

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?

In short, no. We need to stop the current plans completely and begin to frame planning to benefit Tasmania. The current plans cost Tasmania, and benefit others.

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

They could stop using PR companies to frame documents like the Draft Action Plan, remove Tasnetworks from Jurisdictional Planner role, engage honestly and openly with community and independent experts outside the business lobby to plan for our future, not the short-term shareholder benefits of TasNetworks and foreign renewables companies.

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

My questions centre around the Draft Climate Change Action Plan's failure to address community input prior to decision-making on infrastructure and development,

the business-as-usual economic framing with no benchmarks for genuine transition to all-electric / sustainable / circular economy,

the failure to address genuine climate action beyond emissions reduction,

the failure to include biodiversity,

the inclusion of a government-mandated acceleration of the currently unsustainable and environmentally destructive forestry industry,

the partisan framing of what should be a neutral policy document with copious references to tokenistic actions or announcements taken by the current government,

the omission of the State government's continuing support (including taxpayer subsidies) to the fossil fuel exploration industry and unsustainable native forest logging practices,

the claims that community have been 'consulted extensively' when the opposite is true,

the omission that community engagement has been led by corporate PR companies who are paid to choreograph that engagement while promoting TasNetworks' and State government agendas,

the failure to address the pecuniary conflicts-of-interest in having TasNetworks made Jurisdictional Planner of the energy sector and the State government as the recipient of efficiency dividends from Marinus,

the failure to keep and control Tasmanian wind energy for our use and instead give it away to foreign investors,

the failure to address the need for independent costs-benefits analysis of renewables infrastructure,

the failure to include the environmental costs of Marinus and TasNetworks vast new transmission grid,

the failure of any long-term sustainable benefits to accrue to the Tasmanian people from the current plans.

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

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9. Please provide your email address (optional)

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

Yes

No