

'Amending Tasmania's climate change legislation' submission

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Submission: Thanks for letting me send you a submission of the Draft Bill to amend the Climate Change Act. Please follow the advice from the experts (IN FULL) on this matter. As a father of two and a scientist I urge the Government to take onboard and implement all recommendations in full, from this independent review. The act should focus on implementing an independent climate commission to take the politics out of this whole issue. Also, of prime importance is to legislate sector targets such as ending native forest logging to keep our forests for carbon sequestration and carbon sinks. Strong government leadership is needed by rewriting this draft Bill to implement the findings/recommendations that the scientists have reported on. It is now way past time to stop the major political parties from delaying any longer on accepting scientific advice around climate change action. Just as strong Government leadership following the scientific findings/recommendations on COVID -19 has saved many Tasmania lives over the past 18 months, so too, strong Government leadership following the scientific findings/recommendations on climate action will save many Tasmania lives. We have delayed on this front for decades now and all stops need to be pulled out to head Tasmania to a fully decarbonised future. The stakes are so much higher on this issue than even the COVID-19 pandemic. Many more lives of all species are affected by climate change. There are solutions for decarbonising our future being researched and proposed. We just need to implement the solutions. Please do so by making amendments to the act more ambitious. Kind regards Graeme McCormack

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