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To whom it may concern,

I am grateful for the opportunity to express my views on the draft climate change action plan. Although, to be honest, I am rather exhausted by the continual need to make submissions that simply state "Listen to the scientists and act accordingly".

I did not have to read and research policies and make a submission on the action needed to manage the COVID pandemic. Why do I need to make submission after submission to persuade my leaders to do what we all know they urgently need to do to give my children a fighting chance of a reasonable future?

That said, I will list my views on the action plan. The short answer is that I see it as an "almost no action plan".

Setting a 2030 target as the net zero that we achieved some time ago, is quite frankly embarrassing. Tasmania should be able continue to lead the country and attract all the industry and jobs that will bring. Of course, the goals in this plan will achieve that target - unless a climate change driven bushfire wipes out our LULUCF lead. The best way to avoid a climate change driven bushfire is to adopt ambitious climate mitigation plans - ironically not included in the draft plan.

As an older white male, I am lucky to be able to afford rooftop solar, an EV and other low carbon technologies. My heart breaks for my children and their friends who are burdened with the worst impacts of climate change, the inability to afford low carbon tech, high costs of living and governments who fail them on all those problems. The action plan should detail how the principle of sustainability and social equity will be enacted in a meaningful way.

While more information on climate can be useful, it is only useful if the Tas government acts on this information. The Climate Futures group at UTas have more than enough information for the action plan and the Climate Act to already include stronger mitigation measures.

The references to carbon offsets and biofuels are of great concern. Both delay real GHG (GreenHouse Gas) emissions reductions and provide industries with a false sense of security.

I support the goals and the 3 priority areas. However, there is simply not enough listed in these. When the Tas parliament passed the recent poor Climate Change Act, we were promised that the Climate Change Action Plan would do the heavy lifting of the

necessary actions. This plan fails to do heavy lifting. While all measures listed in the draft are good, they are simply not enough. This is simply a scientific argument - not a political one. Until we have a plan that matches the science, not the politics, we are failing our children and grandchildren.

I cannot support a plan that fails those I most care about. Can you?

I look forward to seeing much stronger targets and actions in the next draft of this plan.

Kind regards

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