

# 'Amending Tasmania's climate change legislation' submission

## Form Summary

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Submission: I am writing this submission based on both my experience as a professional engineer; and information gathered while researching Tasmania's emissions in support of Sustainable Living Tasmania's Climate Solutions project. In broad, I support the recommendations developed in the position paper developed by Climate Tasmania and The Tasmanian Independent Science Council ("Action for Climate: How can lutruwita/Tasmania be a real leader?", 3 November 2021). I particularly support a need for amending the act to address the following issues: - Sectoral targets on emissions reduction and, very specifically, targets for radical reductions in our per capita transportation and industrial sector emissions, which are on par or worse than those in other states. - Regulation that mandates these sectoral reductions, and provides mechanisms for the various sectors to achieve these reductions. These mechanisms will assist the emitters in developing their solutions to emissions reductions (from my experience as a practising engineer, failure to regulate will result in many parts of these sectors doing less the minimum or, worse still, nothing at all). - Compliance and enforcement mechanisms to ensure that the various sectors act to achieve these reductions. Finally, I whole-heartedly agree with the position taken by Climate Tasmania and The Tasmanian Independent Science Council: The time scale for action in this amendment is not nearly urgent enough. In effect, these amendments require little more than a plan for action to be prepared by 2025, but no actual work on reducing emissions in Tasmania until then. It would be nice to see our Government take responsibility and play an immediate part in ensuring that the planet remains broadly habitable for current and future generations, rather than passively relying on the electorate, businesses, agricultural and industry to do the heavy lifting they should be leading.

Consent to publish: Yes, I am happy for my submission to be published