

## Tasmania's draft Climate Change Action Plan

# **Response from Circular Economy Huon**

## Key factors shaping our response

- The recently released 6th IPCC report predicts that if the world continues along the business as usual trajectory there will be catastrophic outcomes for the planet. The world, including Tasmania, needs take more intensive action, and fast.
- Globally, planetary resources are being used as though there are 1.7 planets, and Australia is using resources as though we have access to more than 5 planets. The world, including Tasmania needs to quickly reduce its consumption of resources.

## Response to the draft Climate Change action plan

- CEH supports the vision and goals in the CCAP but is concerned that there appears to be a serious lack of specified actions and funding to achieve them. We are also concerned that action on CC is piecemeal rather than being grounded in a whole of government approach.
- CEH supports the general premise that information and research is fundamental to taking meaningful action on CC. We are concerned that the emphasis on information gathering in the draft plan may not take full account of research previously undertaken by other jurisdictions and may be a strategy by the Tasmanian Government to delay taking stronger action sooner.

#### **Proposed Actions**

### 1. Circular Economy Tasmania

Establish the agency, *Circular Economy Tasmania* to develop a framework that is applied to all government decisions to ensure they are consistent with Tasmania becoming a circular economy. The agency would address both the reduction in emissions and resource usage.

#### 2. Business reducing GHG footprint

Require all business sectors, government agencies and local municipalities to prepare plans in year 1 and commence implementation in year 2 to reduce GHG by 60% by 2030 and 100% by 2040.

#### 3. Transport\*

In year 1, contract a data analytics mobility company to research how an integrated transport strategy should be established across the whole of Tasmania. In year 2 progressively implement the findings of the research to embrace ondemand transport, active transport, regular public transport and car-pooling.

*Circular Economy Huon has evaluated transport in the Huon Valley and southern Tasmania over the last six years and can provide extensive further information to support the development of an integrated transport strategy.
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