

'Amending Tasmania's climate change legislation' submission

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Submission: Tasmania's 2030 target of zero could be more ambitious to achieve a negative but the Climate Change Action Plan and the Climate Risk Assessment should help this. Tasmania should be an exemplar for Australia (and the world). Consultation and partnership should include climate experts/ professionals and academics with special and valuable knowledge and expertise on climate's serious environmental economic and health effects. The review must learn from the deliberations and outcome of COP26. Though it is disappointing that the COP has not achieved agreement to phase out fossil fuels worldwide and many Australians are embarrassed by our country's poor showing, Tasmania must be stronger in demanding stronger targets nationally. COP 26 has committed to end deforestation. For Tasmania, this means native forests must be preserved as our valuable environment and tourism asset and in response to the clear and growing evidence base that logging native forests increase the risk of bushfires. For Tasmania there is need for better and more distributed public transport and acceleration of EV take-up. Government should provide incentives eg motor tax and parking fee reduction or cancellation and subsidies to make them and batteries more affordable. Agriculture must also keep up with world developments.

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