

# 'Amending Tasmania's climate change legislation' submission

## Form Summary

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Submission: First, I commend the government on their ambitious target of net zero by 2030. However, there is room in Tasmania to be even more ambitious and far more specific about targets in sectors of the economy and parts of government. As a health practitioner and advocate for the health benefits of climate action, I was disappointed not to see any specific mention of health in the new act. Reading the amended act, one gets the impression of legislation shaped around an economy rather than a society. Not only does this omission obscure the human impact of climate change that is already with us, it also missed the opportunity for leveraging the significant co-benefits of climate action on chronic disease, air quality and mental health. The Australian health sector accounts for around 7% of our nation's emissions. With concerted action, the National Health Service in the UK has so far managed a 19% reduction in carbon emissions, while at the same time increasing activity by 27%. The Tasmanian public health sector could do the same or better with strong targets and support for their implementation. Action on climate change is, after all, a commitment to the health of current and future generations.

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