

'Amending Tasmania's climate change legislation' submission

Form Summary

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Submission: I am a young Tasmanian woman deeply concerned about the impact of climate change as I consider starting a family. I would love to be a mother, but I am really worried about the lack of action to really curb emissions. I know this is the only real way forward - there simply is no time for new technologies to be invented, tested, grown and deployed at scale. We have to have action this decade. Counting trees we did not cut down and still may burn down is not enough. I would like to see a really strong Climate Act Bill that has legislated targets with clear lines of accountability. I am also really worried about the impact that Climate Change is already having on housing in Hobart. My partner and I had to move out of our rental nearly two years ago and we not able to find anything affordable to rent - this is with both of us in employment. We gave up looking for a house to buy and bought some land and hope to move into a small house when it is finished this year, though that process was made more difficult by rising prices and difficulty finding tradespeople and it is a stretch for us. Luckily for us, we were able to stay with a family member, but not everyone is in this position and I really worry about all those other people attending open homes for rentals or sales knowing they will be unsuccessful. I understand the population of Tasmania has gone up by nearly six thousand in the last 5 years - that is a lot of housing. I support a more ambitious Climate Change Act with mandated targets and specific planning for the impacts of incoming migration on housing and all other infrastructure and at present I don't believe this is there in the draft Climate Change Act. I would like to see this to be genuinely world leading with real emission reduction targets in the legislation for every sector by 2030. I think a well-resourced independent Commission should be set up to oversee this with regular reviews between now and 2030.

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