

'Amending Tasmania's climate change legislation' submission

Form Summary

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Submission: I welcome the amending of Tasmania's Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008. The continual updating of legislation to reflect the changing reality of climate change is necessary and vital to mitigation and adaptation. The science makes it abundantly clear that fossil fuels need to be phased out as fast as possible. An easy place to start would be to put a ban on fossil fuel exploration in Tasmania. As a young person (age 28) I often find it difficult and frightening to think about the future I will grow up and old into. The scientific facts aside, which spell out a scary world with anything but steep emissions reductions, the primary cause of my climate related anxiety is the failure of government to treat the climate emergency as an emergency. I am afraid because my elected leaders are not acting on climate change in a way that reflects the urgency of the climate science. Young people are well aware of the science around climate change. I believe if Tasmania truly wants to reassure young people that climate change is under control and isn't something to worry about, our climate change laws need to be science-based and make it clear that it is an emergency; and that the Tasmanian Government is therefore treating it like an emergency, with utmost priority.

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