

Climate Change Bill Submission

It seems inconceivable that Australia does not have effective climate laws. If we ever needed reason, a decade of drought followed by last summer's bushfires and flooding have made the need for enacting the Climate Change Bill more essential than ever. This Bill will give federal and state governments, industries, services and most importantly, the citizens of Australia a realistic and achievable framework for the future. There is overriding support for addressing climate change in Australia. Without it, as a country, we will simply continue to aimlessly bicker and eventually flounder.

The Climate Change Bill will ensure that Australia has:

- A Net Zero emissions target by 2050, getting there through emissions reduction plans and emissions budgets;
- Risk assessments and adaptation plans, so that the different parts of our continent and economy know the risks of climate change and can prepare for them;
- Technology readiness assessment, so that we know the existing and emerging ways we can reduce emissions, with the least risk and cost;
- An independent advisory commission (IAC) that can advise the Government, transparently and independently, on our national needs and plans.

In putting this law in place, Australia will be amongst several other countries with effective climate laws in place, including the United Kingdom, Germany, France, and New Zealand.

It will enable Australia to face the future knowing that we are taking the necessary steps to face this challenge.