

Queensland Climate Transition Bill 2023

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Good Afternoon

I am writing to express my strong support for the Queensland Climate Transition Bill 2023.

As conscientious citizens who embrace a science-based understanding of the world and as parents who prioritise the well-being of our children, it is our duty to take every possible measure to combat climate change, even if it involves short-term sacrifices.

Ignoring the facts and postponing necessary actions will not only exacerbate the situation in the future but also jeopardise the natural resources and ecosystems upon which our communities depend.

The Queensland Climate Transition Bill 2023 represents a crucial step toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions and transitioning away from fossil fuels. This legislation aligns Queensland with the Paris Agreement's objective to limit global warming to 2°C, with a preference for 1.5°C, above pre-industrial levels by mitigating greenhouse gas emissions.

Achieving these goals is vital to prevent catastrophic and irreversible impacts on our planet, including extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and threats to biodiversity. Moreover, the Bill establishes a new statutory authority responsible for devising and executing a comprehensive climate transition plan that addresses compensation, training, and job opportunities for workers and communities affected by the shift away from fossil fuels.

This holistic approach ensures a just transition for all Queenslanders, reducing social and economic disparities while fostering new opportunities in the growing renewable energy sector. By prohibiting new coal, oil, and gas projects in Queensland, the Bill minimizes further investments in environmentally damaging industries and accelerates the transition to cleaner energy sources.

Setting a 75% emissions reduction target by 2030 and aiming for net-zero emissions by 2035 demonstrate the Bill's commitment to ambitious climate action and highlight Queensland's leadership in creating a sustainable future. Furthermore, the legislation enshrines a target to phase out fossil fuel exports by 2030, thereby reducing our carbon footprint globally and encouraging other nations to follow suit.

I urge you to support this critical legislation and take decisive action to address climate change, ensuring a sustainable, thriving, and resilient future for all Queenslanders.

Regards
Gina Foster

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