

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

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Increasing our Climate Change Ambitions

After consulting with colleagues and participants in our CCF funded project, we feel that the targets set in the draft Climate Change Bill are not nearly ambitious enough, if we are to fall in line with the Paris Climate Agreement and continue to be among global climate change leaders. It is also believed that the new proposals are not in line with our previous efforts in which we have done so well, from the Climate Change Act 2009. As we are part of a climate-action project, we are well aware that our planet cannot wait for us to take control of these issues, they must be reached as soon as possible. So the changes we would like to see to the bill are:

- **It is our belief that zero net carbon emissions can and should be reached by at least 2050**, and we should set the target so. Is it not true that 99% of entries in the initial consultation asked for this to be the figure? Scotland has always been an ambitious country, let's show other small countries that it is possible, let's show the UK government that it's possible, and let's show the world what a forward thinking country we are. We understand why you have set a lower target, but given the technologies that are up and coming we believe that well before that time it will be possible and we should be brave enough to say we can do it. Lots of other countries are doing it, let's join them on the world stage.
- The 2030 target should be at least a 77% reduction, we are well on the road to this figure, why not continue to be ambitious as we previously were?

We hope that the Scottish Government takes the peoples concerns seriously and sets these more ambitious targets, we are so proud of the achievements already made. As a community project, we see the huge efforts that are underway to transition to a lower carbon future, not only from government but from business and the community. We have achieved great momentum, do not let it fizzle out.

Let's be bold and show the world because if a small country like Scotland can, so too can some of the bigger countries (and the rest of our union!).