

Submission Climate Change (National Framework for Adaption and Mitigation) Bill 2020)

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It is my hope that the Parliament of Australia will address the climate crisis by adopting the Climate Change Bill, we need an economy wide net zero target by 2050. This is needed to address climate change and to keep us in step with our global partners. To address climate change in a substantive way supported by a framework is an economic and moral imperative. The Climate Change bill offers us that.

Much of the world has experienced the feeling of dread and impending doom that 2020 has brought us with the COVID pandemic. For many of us who have listened to the experts in the area of climate science this feeling has been with us for many years with fear, anxiety and shame about the impact we have had on the world environment and the damage that has and will be done as a result of climate change. When I was 15 years old in 1994 one of my first political acts was to write a letter to the Sydney Morning Herald asking our Australia's parliament to ensure we were in step with the global commitments to climate change, 26 years and now 41 later I ask for the same thing.

We have no choice but to Act to not do so would be the greatest human and ecological tragedy and betrayal of future generations in my lifetime. The Bill by putting structures in place based on internationally tested will ensure action is bipartisan, informed and structured offers a way to move forward and act on this issue.