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Submission on WA climate Policy

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Dear Sir/Madam,

My reason for writing a submission, is that I have great concern for many aspects, which effects the warming of our climate:

- The ineffectivity of charging the large emission producers a carbon tax.
- The continuation of clearing of native forests
- The inactivity of Federal and State governments to actually drive change in a more positive renewable direction.

We as a state have a very poor record of moving from fossil fuels to renewable energy and I would like to see that changed to see this state

being a leader in change, comparable to the new direction New Zealand has taken.

What I would like to see incorporated in WA Climate policy:

- Forest management: a total stop to clearing of native forests, protecting biodiversity and a large carbon sink.
- A total review of the practice of Prescribed Burning, and a withdrawal of the 200,000 ha quota. To date no emissions of this practice have been calculated, nor have they been taxed. Nor has the loss of Oxygen production of burned forest been addressed. Nor has the loss of life, mammals insects and microbial been taken into account. Nor the warming effect of the bare soil left after a fire and it's heating effect on the land and planet. I would like to see more research into the effectivity of this practice and alternatives to it.
- Protection of biodiversity, not as BDCA addresses this but from a biological, scientific perspective. Currently we have very high biodiversity, but also one of the highest extinction rates, both floral and faunal. I would like to see this addressed.
- A strong leadership action on Climate change by the State government
- An overhaul and change in Agricultural practices: reduced or nil use of herbicides, pesticides and fungicides. Increased consulting of farmers to more biological practices and regenerative soil management.
- Holding the biggest producers of emissions to account, and introducing a tax on emissions.
- Encourage renewable energy production on all levels
- Encourage change over to renewable energy transport modes.
- The discouragement of plastic for packaging in all sectors.

- The funding of research in alternative packaging products, which would take the place of current practices.
- Assessments of risk of climate warming state wide and what we can do to stop this trend.

Of all these points I see the biggest immediate change, which could be implemented to be in Forest management and Agriculture.

I am happy to have my concerns shared or made public.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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