

## FACT SHEET

### *Climate Change (State Action) Amendment Bill*

The *Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008* (the Act) provides the framework for the Tasmanian Government's action on climate change mitigation and adaptation, and establishes Tasmania's emissions reduction target.

Subsection 18(1) of the Act requires an independent review of its operation every four years. The Act was independently reviewed in 2016.

In March 2020, in addition to the statutory independent review of the Act, the Tasmanian Government committed to update the Tasmanian Emissions Pathway Review and undertake a detailed economic analysis of the impacts on industry and employment in relation to a more ambitious emissions reduction target for Tasmania.

In December 2020, Jacobs Group (Australia) Pty Ltd (Jacobs) was appointed to undertake the third independent review of the Act (the review).

The final report of the review was tabled in Parliament in August 2021. The review made seven recommendations to amend the Act, all of which the Tasmanian Government accepted either in-full or in-principle.

The Climate Change (State Action) Amendment Bill 2021 strengthens the Act in response to the recommendations of the independent review.

The Bill:

- consolidates the existing 10 objects of the Act into five objects to clarify the purpose of the Act;
- strengthens Tasmania's emissions reduction target by establishing a state-wide target of net zero emissions from 30 June 2030. Detailed emissions and economic modelling commissioned by the Tasmanian Government demonstrates that this target is achievable and that actions taken to achieve the target can also grow Tasmania's economy;
- establishes a requirement for the preparation of a climate change action plan every five years, including in easily accessible formats for a wide range of audiences, such as children and young people;
- establishes a requirement for a statewide climate change risk assessment to be undertaken at least every five years;
- establishes a requirement for sector-based emissions reduction and resilience plans to be prepared, and updated at least every five years;
- establishes a requirement for the preparation of an annual greenhouse gas report for Tasmania and an annual climate change activity statement;
- establishes a requirement to table key climate change reports in Parliament (action plan, emissions reduction and resilience plans, risk assessment, greenhouse gas emissions report, and annual climate change activity statement); and
- expands consultation activities to include a broad range of the Tasmanian community, including local government.