

# Climate Change (State Action) Amendment Bill 2014

## FACT SHEET

**The purpose of the *Climate Change (State Action) Amendment Bill 2014* is to disband the Tasmanian Climate Action Council (the Council).**

The Bill delivers on the Government's commitment to reduce the number of boards and committees.

There are currently nine Council members including a Chair and Deputy Chair appointed under the *Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008* (the Act). Disbanding the Council will reduce costs.

The Bill repeals the sections of the Act that relate to the Council. This includes Division 3 (Tasmanian Climate Action Council) which provides for the establishment of the Council and Division 4 (Reporting) which stipulates the reporting to be undertaken by the Council.

The Bill also repeals Schedule 1 (Membership of Council) and Schedule 2 (Meetings of Council).

The State's greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of at least 60 per cent below 1990 levels by 2050 will be retained.

The Government will also retain the Climate Change (Greenhouse Gas Emissions) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations). The Regulations detail how the baseline is measured and the mechanism for calculating changes to greenhouse gas emissions. The Regulations also require the Minister to publish data on Tasmania's emissions annually.

The functions of the Council will be undertaken from within existing resources in the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Tasmanian Climate Change Office.

These functions include promoting business, community and government action on climate change; advising on progress made towards achieving the State's 2050 emissions reduction target; and identifying and implementing strategies for adapting to the impacts of climate change.