



New South Wales

Climate Change (Emissions Targets) Bill 2021

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are—

- (a) to establish principles to guide action to address climate change that must be taken into account by the NSW Government in developing and implementing government policy, and
- (b) to set 2030 and 2050 targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in New South Wales, and
- (c) to establish the Net Zero Commission to monitor and report on progress towards the 2030 and 2050 targets.

Outline of provisions

Part 1 Preliminary

Clause 1 sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 3 provides that the proposed Act prevails to the extent of an inconsistency with another Act or law.

Clause 4 defines certain words and expressions used in the proposed Act.

Part 2 Greenhouse gas emissions reduction in NSW

Part 2 contains provisions that—

- (a) set out guiding principles relating to action to address climate change, and
- (b) establish greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets for NSW that must be met by 2030 and 2050, and
- (c) require the NSW Government to take the guiding principles and the 2030 and 2050 targets into account in developing and implementing government policy.

Part 3 NSW Net Zero Commission

Part 3 contains provisions relating to the NSW Net Zero Commission (the *Net Zero Commission*). The proposed Part—

- (a) establishes the Net Zero Commission and provides for its membership, and
- (b) sets out the functions of Net Zero Commission, including developing and reviewing a net zero plan, monitoring action taken by the NSW Government and making recommendations to the Minister administering the proposed Act, and
- (c) requires the NSW Government to respond to reports and recommendations from the Net Zero Commission.