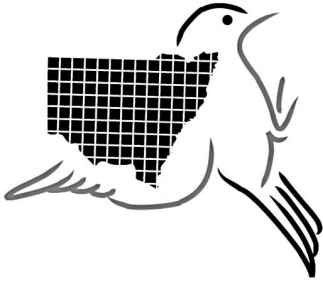


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INQUIRY INTO CLIMATE CHANGE (NET ZERO FUTURE) BILL 2023

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To Whom it May Concern

This submission is being sent by the NSW Bird Atlassers, a group among whose goals are to better define the status of different species of birds; identify changes in populations, habitat and needs and management; and disseminate information about birds.

Amendments to make the bill stronger

- Amendments are needed so as to achieve net zero emissions by 2035. Expecting our climate to stabilise by 2050 at current rate of warming is impossible; by 2050 the climate will be out of control.
Today 25 October it was announced it is now too late to stop melting of the western ice caps of Antarctica.
- Reviews are needed every five years, while also setting interim targets.
- Carbon budgets must be based on a fair contribution to the Paris agreement goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees.
- The bill and Commission must be embedded into other laws.
- Immediate action to stop new coal expansions should complement this bill.
- Auditing of government agencies and departments are required to identify opportunities to reduce emissions. Native forest logging by the Forestry Corporation must cease and acceleration of Smart Energy Schools program is strongly recommended.

The Bird Atlassers receive data from all over NSW and the ACT which continue to show decline in birds, especially small birds. The pace of climate change is now too rapid for birds to adapt, some are already only found in cooler areas which cannot migrate to higher altitudes and continual destruction of habitat means they cannot even find somewhere suitable to their needs elsewhere. Each day it becomes more and more dire, that is why

the Bird Atlassers earnestly ask that this bill really be strengthened. As it currently stands there is no hope of achieving a climate warming of no more than 1.5 degrees C.

Yours sincerely

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