



Consultation on proposals for a new Climate Change Bill

Responding to this consultation

We are inviting responses to this consultation by 22 September 2017.

It would be most helpful to have your response through Citizen Space. Alternatively, you can email your response to CCBill@gov.scot or send a hard copy to

*Climate Change Bill Consultation
Scottish Government
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Victoria Quay
Edinburgh
EH6 6QQ*

Handling your response

Please indicate how you wish your response to be handled and, in particular, whether you are happy for your response to published.

All respondents should be aware that the Scottish Government is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and would therefore have to consider any request made to it under the Act for information relating to responses made to this consultation exercise.

Comments and complaints

If you have any comments about how this consultation exercise has been conducted, please send them to:

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Scottish Government consultation process

Consultation is an essential part of the policy-making process. It gives us the opportunity to consider your opinion and expertise on a proposed area of work.

You can find all our consultations online: <http://consult.scotland.gov.uk>. Each consultation details the issues under consideration, as well as a way for you to give us your views, either online, by email or by post.

Consultations may involve seeking views in a number of different ways, such as public meetings, focus groups, or other online methods such as Dialogue (<https://www.ideas.gov.scot>).

Responses will be analysed and used as part of the decision-making process, along with a range of other available information and evidence. We will publish a report of this analysis for every consultation. Depending on the nature of the consultation exercise the responses received may:

- indicate the need for policy development or review;
- inform the development of a particular policy;
- help decisions to be made between alternative policy proposals; and
- be used to finalise legislation before it is implemented.

While details of particular circumstances described in a response to a consultation exercise may usefully inform the policy process, consultation exercises cannot address individual concerns and comments, which should be directed to the relevant public body.

Next steps

Where respondents have given permission for their response to be made public, and after we have checked that they contain no potentially defamatory material, responses will be made available to the public at <http://consult.scotland.gov.uk>. If you use Citizen Space to respond, you will receive a copy of your response via email.

The Scottish Government will review responses to the consultation and the issues raised during engagement with stakeholders to inform the design of Climate Change Bill. A summary of the consultation responses received will be made available on the Scottish Government website, and a Scottish Government response will be published, by the end of 2017.



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RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be completed and returned with your response.

Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

- Individual
- Organisation

Full name or organisation's name

Please specify organisation type (if applicable):

- Community group or organisation
- Third sector organisation
- Private sector organisation
- Academic or research organisation
- Public Body, including Local Government, Executive Agencies etc.

Other – please state...

Phone number

Address

Postcode

Email

The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

Information for organisations:

The option 'Publish response only (without name)' is available for individual respondents only. If this option is selected, the organisation name will still be published.

If you choose the option 'Do not publish response', your organisation name may still be listed as having responded to the consultation in, for example, the analysis report.

- Publish response with name
- Publish response only (without name)
- Do not publish response

We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

- Yes
- No

Consultation Questions

1. *Do you agree that the 2050 target should be made more ambitious by increasing it to 90% greenhouse gas emission reduction from baseline levels?*

Yes No (please explain your answer)

2. *Do you agree that the Climate Change Bill should contain provisions that allow for a net-zero greenhouse gas emission target to be set at a later date?*

Yes No (please explain your answer)

3. a) *Do you agree that the 2020 target should be for greenhouse gas emissions to be at least 56% lower than baseline levels?*

Yes No (please explain your answer)

b) *Do you agree that a target should be set for greenhouse gas emissions to be at least 66% lower than baseline levels by 2030?*

Yes No (please explain your answer)

c) *Do you agree that a target should be set for greenhouse gas emissions to be at least 78% lower than baseline levels by 2040?*

Yes No (please explain your answer)

4. *Do you agree that annual emission reduction targets should be in the form of percentage reductions from baseline levels?*

Yes No (please explain your answer)

5. Do you agree that annual targets should be set as a direct consequence of interim and 2050 targets?

Yes No (please explain your answer)

6. Do you agree that all emission reduction targets should be set on the basis of actual emissions, removing the accounting adjustment for the EU ETS?

Yes No (please explain your answer)

7. a) What are your views on allowing the interim and 2050 emission reduction targets to be updated, with due regard to advice from the CCC, through secondary legislation?

b) What do you think are the most important criteria to be considered when setting or updating emission reduction targets?

8. a) What are your views on the frequency of future Climate Change Plans?

b) What are your views on the length of time that future Climate Change Plans should cover?

c) What are your views on how development of future Climate Change Plans could be aligned with Paris Stocktake Processes?

d) How many days do you think the period for Parliamentary consideration of draft Climate Change Plans should be?

9. What are your views on the proposal that any shortfall against previous targets should be made up through subsequent Climate Change Plans ?

10. What are your views on these initial considerations of the impacts of the Bill proposals on Scotland's people, both now and in future generations?

11. What are your views on the opportunities and challenges that the Bill proposals could have for businesses?

12. a) What are your views on the evidence set out in the Environmental Report that has been used to inform the assessment process? (Please give details of additional relevant sources).

b) What are your views on the predicted environmental effects as set out in the Environmental Report?

c) Are there any other environmental effects that have not been considered?

d) Do you agree with the conclusions and recommendations set out in the Environmental Report?

e) Please provide any other comments you have on the Environmental Report.

13. Please use this space to tell us any other thoughts you have about the proposed Climate Change Bill not covered in your earlier answers.