

Draft Tasmanian Renewable Energy Action Plan for Children and Young People

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The Commissioner for Children and Young People Leanne McLean today welcomed the release of the Draft Tasmanian Renewable Energy Action Plan for children and young people.

“Tasmanian children and young people have already clearly told us that climate change and the debate around renewable energy versus fossil fuels are incredibly important to them so it’s excellent to see a government specifically consulting them on this issue,” Ms McLean said.

“There is increasing recognition by decision-making bodies about the need and benefits of seeking children and young people’s views when developing policy that will have an impact on their lives, now and into the future.

“Our children and young people are acutely aware that they will have to live with the decisions Governments of today make now and into the near future.

“The Draft Tasmanian Renewable Energy Action Plan, designed in a version for children and young people, is recognition of the importance of consulting with them.

“One of the four guiding principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is that children have the right to express their views and to be heard in all matters affecting them - and for adults to give their views due weight in accordance with the child’s age and maturity.”

Ms McLean said all Tasmanians, not just children and young people, should participate in the consultation process to help guide policy that will directly affect their future lives.

“However, I really encourage children and young people to have your say. You can view the government’s draft Renewable Energy Action Plan at <https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/CCYPrenewables> and provide your feedback on it by completing a short survey at: <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5839970/CCYP-Renewables-Have-your-say>

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