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**The Bill creates a statutory framework for greenhouse gas emissions reductions in Scotland by setting a 50% reduction target for 2030 and an 80% reduction target for 2050.**

**What are your views on the 2050 target and a 2030 interim target proposed in the Bill?**

This is yet another over-the-top response by politicians to the theory of global warming and is yet another tax raising exercise. That politicians want to parade their green credentials and set targets higher than any other country is mad.

Scotland has only 0.2% of global CO2 emissions. Meanwhile China and India will continue with their economic plans regardless of us.

People cause pollution. The world population is 6.6 billion and will be 9.5 billion by 2050.

The UK will increase from 61 million to 70 million by 2028 and 78.6 million by 2081. Yet not a word about population controls.

The Al Gore film, which started all this and the “hockey stick” graph, has been discredited. ■

The whole renewables industry has only come about by taxpayers' subsidies.

**The Bill requires that the Scottish Government set annual targets, in secondary legislation, for Scottish emissions from 2010 to 2050. It is proposed that these annual targets will be set in batches, the first being for the years 2010 to 2022 inclusive.**

**What are your views on the setting of targets in batches from 2010 to 2022?**

By all means set targets but state that unless others set similar targets then bets are off. If others fail (as I expect) then we should reduce our target correspondingly.

**The Bill provides that from the year 2020, the annual emissions targets must be set so that each is at least 3% lower than the target for the previous year. Prior to 2020, the Scottish Government has indicated that it intends to set annual targets which build towards delivering emissions reductions of at least 3% each year.**

**What are your views on this approach or any possible alternative approaches?**

Not a chance in hell

**The Bill introduces the concept of a “net Scottish emissions account” as a point of reference against which the target for reducing greenhouse gases can be measured. It is defined as the net Scottish emissions plus or minus any carbon units credited to or debited from the account. Any units purchased may be used to offset Scottish emissions. Any carbon units generated in Scotland and sold to customers outside Scotland, count as emissions made in Scotland.**

**What are your views on the proposals in the Bill relating to the net Scottish emissions account, and should there be a limit on the number of carbon units which Scotland can purchase?**

Scottish carbon credits are a waste of time when other countries are building coal-fired power stations at 2/3 a week or marketing the £1000 car. The rich only get richer.

**The Bill defines “Scottish emissions”, in relation to a greenhouse gas, as being emissions of that gas which are attributable to Scotland. The policy memorandum states that “Scottish emissions” are defined as being those greenhouse gases which are emitted in Scotland or which represent the Scottish share of emissions of gases from international aviation and international shipping.**

**What are your views on this definition of Scottish emissions?**

We have no manufacturing left so why take on the responsibilities for others??

**The Scottish Government has indicated that initially it intends to seek independent, expert advice on climate change from the UK Committee on Climate Change. The Scottish Government states in the policy memorandum that if it determines that the UK Committee on Climate Change does not meet all the advice needed for Scotland, the Bill contains provisions which will allow the Scottish Government to establish a Scottish Committee on Climate Change or to designate an existing body to exercise these advisory functions.**

**What are your views on the Scottish Government’s approach to obtaining independent, expert advice on climate change?**

I would welcome an INDEPENDENT expert advice not one who is in bed with the climate change zealots.

**The Bill places duties on the Scottish Government requiring that it reports regularly to the Scottish Parliament on Scotland’s emissions and on the progress being made towards the emissions reduction targets set in the Bill. The Bill sets out details of these reporting requirements.**

**What are your views on these proposed reporting arrangements?**

The voters need to know what is happening and I suspect how far behind we are from unrealistic targets.

**The Bill contains powers to allow the Scottish Government, by regulations, to impose duties on public bodies in relation to climate change, to issue guidance to those bodies relating to their climate change duties and to require that they report upon the discharge of those duties.**

**What are your views on this proposal?**

Seems like a growth industry is being set up with thousands more jobs in the public sector which we cannot afford.

**The Bill places a duty on the Scottish Government to produce a report for Scotland, setting out its objectives in relation to adaptation to climate change, proposals and policies for meeting them and the timescales within which they will be introduced.**

**What are your views on this proposal?**

If you warned about a new ice age, as some scientists are predicting this would be useful.

**Muirburn is the act of controlled burning of vegetation on open semi-natural habitats such as muir (Scottish word for moor) or moorland, and includes the burning of plants such as gorse, heather and grass. The Bill contains an enabling power to allow the Scottish Government to vary the permitted times during which muirburn may be made where they consider it necessary or expedient to do so in relation to climate change.**

**What are your views on this proposal?**

Fine if you can also control the volcanoes that would be helpful.

**The Bill will allow modification by order of the functions of the Forestry Commissioners to enable the Forestry Commission in Scotland to play a greater role in tackling climate change. The immediate intent of the Scottish Government is to take forward proposals relating to renewable energy development on the National Forest Estate and the release of capital from the National Forest Estate for woodland creation.**

**What are your views on this proposal?**

Pie-in-the-sky.

As the rain forest is cut down to grow the ill thought out EU biofuels directive planting a few saplings will do zilch.

**The Bill requires the Scottish Government to produce an action plan setting out current and proposed measures to improve the energy efficiency of buildings in Scotland, as well as measures to encourage behavioral change.**

**What are your views on this proposal?**

The first bit of sense coming out of this sham consultation

**The Bill confers powers on the Scottish Ministers to make regulations providing for the assessment of (a) the energy performance of non-domestic buildings; and (b) emissions of greenhouse gases produced or associated with such buildings. The provisions are enabling in nature and the Policy Memorandum provides further information on the Scottish Government's thinking in this area.**

**What are your views on this approach?**

Good but start of with Edinburgh Council who leave their new office lights blazing overnight. Evening News letters 9 February.

**The Bill places a duty on the Scottish Government to take such steps as it consider appropriate to promote the use of heat from renewable sources. The Scottish Government has indicated this provision will enable it to introduce measures it deems appropriate to incentivise the production of heat from renewable sources.**

**What are your views on this proposal?**

Part of our requirements should be from renewables but there is a gap and the lights WILL go out if we do not invest in nuclear facilities

**The Bill sets out measures aimed at improving waste and recycling. The Bill gives powers to the Scottish Government to make regulations in the following areas:**

**Waste prevention and management plans;  
Waste data;  
Deposit of recyclable waste;  
Procurement of recycle;  
Reduction of packaging;  
Deposit and return schemes;  
Charges for carrier bags.**

**What are your views on these proposals?**

All that means is more council snoopers. In West Lothian there are 18 litter wardens costing £492,000. Income from fines £5,200. Value for money?? I think not.

**What are your views on the adequacy of the Scottish Government's consultation in advance of publishing the Bill?**

You will get the climate change zealots organising separate responses to fix the result and you will say that it has got unanimous approval.  
Not true too many people disagree with the global warming pundits but are too lazy to put pen to paper and hence allow a false result

**Do you have any views on the Strategic Environmental Assessment which was carried out by the Scottish Government out on the consultation proposals?**

Have not heard of this

**Does the Bill raise any equalities issues you would wish to highlight?**

I do not understand what you mean by equalities.  
Race?? Diversity?? Women/men  
What possible good is this??

**Do you have any comments on the impact of the Bill on sustainable development?**

No we need productive jobs not more pen-pushers

**Do you have any other comments on the Bill?**

Yes you must ask those numerous scientists who are challenging the theory and include their findings in this report/consultation.  
There are too many scientists, politicians and paid employees who are paid lots of taxpayers money so they will continue to beat the global warming drum for fear of their jobs. Ask those not paid by government, or rather taxpayers', money and you will get a truthful answer.