

## WRITTEN SUBMISSION FROM DAVID FERGUSON

Dear Convener of the TICC Committee

I would be grateful if you and your Committee would consider my views in relation to the Climate Change (Scotland) Bill.

2009 is a critical year for climate change, as internationally we seek to create a new global deal to tackle this massive threat to our planet, and here in Scotland there is a huge opportunity to enact the most progressive climate change legislation in the world.

We need a Climate Change Act with teeth that can deliver results, not a meaningless pile of paperwork worded to make politicians look good. It must include at least a 3% reduction in emissions year on year now, not in a decades time. Emissions from all transport should be included from the outset, that means from international aviation and shipping as well. All emissions, including consumption based emissions must be included, so we are doing what we "say on the tin" and not simply being good at home but then importing goods and services derived from poor practices abroad. The more Governments that implement good practices now, the more that will be inclined to follow and may be encouraged if they wish to gain trading opportunities..

To achieve this there needs to be commitment, which requires empowered people, so set up a Scottish Climate Change Commission now - why wait! In support of the Commission, Parliament should hold Scottish Ministers to account, making them deliver results, not more debate. To lead by example, have all public bodies deliver the emission reduction targets set out in this Bill from the start - we know the problem is not going to get better by itself so take definitive action and be part of engineering a global solution.

I know that the legislation can be strengthened or weakened as it goes through the Scottish Parliament. I welcome the long-term target of at least an 80% reduction in all greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. However the Bill needs to be strengthened further to ensure the action it prompts will tackle emissions and avoid dangerous climate change.

I want to play my part in reducing emissions and believe Scotland can lead the way in tackling climate change. I want the Scottish Parliament to deliver strong climate change legislation that will be implemented urgently and be a leading nation setting an example for other developed nations to follow.

Yours sincerely  
Mr David Ferguson