

STOP  
CLIMATE  
CHANGE  
SCOTLAND



# CLIMATE ACTION NOW

Join the campaign for  
climate action in Scotland





## Global climate leaders

Around the world, countries are setting stronger targets and committing to urgent climate action. Sweden has a new law to cut emissions to net-zero by 2045, with France and Iceland committed to the same by 2050. If Scotland is to remain a world leader on climate change, our new climate law must include bolder targets and commit to the action needed to achieve them.

Setting a net-zero emissions target in this Bill will ensure Scotland joins the growing international movement towards net-zero, retaining our role as a climate leader.

## Doing our part of the Paris Agreement

The 2015 landmark Paris Agreement commits all nations to work together to limit global warming to 1.5° above pre-industrial levels. If temperature rises go above this level, the impact on people and nature will be profoundly and irreversibly damaging. Scotland's historic role in industries such as coal, oil and gas places a greater responsibility to be bold in tackling our emissions now.

Climate science shows that for Scotland to do its part in limiting global warming in line with the Paris Agreement, we must reach net zero emissions by 2050 at the absolute latest.

The next ten years are crucial in the fight against climate change.

That means we must increase action now so that by 2030 we have succeeded in cutting emissions by 77% and 90% by 2040. By sticking to this plan we'd take the urgent action needed over the next decade and be on the path to reaching net zero emissions by 2050 at the absolute latest.

## The time to tackle Scotland's emissions is now:

We are calling for MSPs to use the Climate Change Bill to introduce new policies to ensure we start to tackle Scotland's emissions today. To reach ambitious targets for 2030 and 2050, we're calling for these policies now:

Climate change accountability	Climate friendly farming	Warmer homes
This will help the public to see the full picture on whether spending and infrastructure projects are consistent with our climate targets.	Create a Nitrogen Balance Sheet for Scotland with nitrogen reduction targets introduced by 2020, reducing climate pollution from excess nitrogen-based fertilisers.	Set a deadline to ensure all homes have at least Energy Performance Certificate rating 'C' by 2025 to cut emissions, tackle fuel poverty and create jobs across Scotland.

## Ending Scotland's contribution to climate change

This is a crucial year for climate campaigning. A new climate law is being developed here in Scotland - it should make sure we cut emissions urgently to bring an end to our contribution to climate change.

Climate change is already here. The last three years have been the hottest ever on record, extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and dealing with the consequences on food harvests and dealing with consequences of climate change is becoming a day-to-day reality for people around the world.

The Scottish Government has set out their proposals for the new climate law, but they're not nearly ambitious enough. The final law needs to be much stronger, so as the Scottish Parliament debates the proposals this year we're campaigning for urgent climate action.

We need your help - together, we must show our politicians there is public support for action on climate change and urge our MSPs to improve the plans before they become law.

### What has been proposed?

The First Minister has pledged to increase Scotland's ambition in tackling climate change, but the Government's proposals for the new climate law are too weak. Scotland needs to rapidly cut climate emissions over the next decade, ending our contribution to climate change altogether by 2050 at the latest.

The Government's draft law suggests cutting Scotland's emissions by 66% by 2030 (compared to what they were in 1990) - and only a 90% reduction by 2050. This is only a marginal improvement on what our current climate law says, and not enough to play our part in tackling global climate change.

### What does net-zero mean?

Net-zero greenhouse gas emissions means becoming 'climate neutral' - so that any greenhouse gases released in Scotland are balanced out by what we can soak up from the atmosphere in our forests, peatlands etc.

Previous experience shows that we should not be afraid to set more ambitious targets when it comes to tackling climate change. In 2009 when Scotland's first Climate Change Act was passed, the target of a 42% reduction by 2020 was seen by some as impossible, but in 2016 we reached this target, four years early!

Scotland's new climate law should set the following targets for reducing our climate change emissions:

- **Urgent action over the next decade: cutting emissions 77% by 2030**
- **Ending our climate pollution: reach net-zero climate emissions by 2050 at the latest**



# GET INVOLVED!



## Online

Get active on social media by spreading the word about climate change, the new Bill and why we need to see more ambition from our MSPs in Parliament

## With your MSPs

Meeting your MSPs or getting in touch with them by email or phone is the most effective way to share your passion to influence their decisions

## In your community

Take the campaign to your community with events from climate cafes to film screenings, street stalls to photo stunts - whatever you feel inspired to do

## Key dates for the campaign

Summer  
2018:

MSPs take a break from Parliament for the summer, a crucial time to remind and update them about the need for a strong and ambitious Climate Bill.

19 September  
2018:

Join our Mass Climate Lobby at the Scottish Parliament! Constituents from all over Scotland will meet their MSPs at Holyrood to talk about climate action.

January  
2019:

After several months of hearing evidence, the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee produces a report on the Bill before MSPs have their first vote.

Spring  
2019:

At Stage 2, MSPs begin to look at the Climate Change Bill in much greater detail and are able to propose amendments before their second vote on the Bill.

Summer  
2019:

The final vote in the Scottish Parliament! MSPs are still able to propose amendments but MSPs now vote to decide whether the Bill passes or falls.

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Stop Climate Chaos Scotland is a diverse coalition of organisations campaigning together for climate action. Members include environment, faith and development organisations, trade and student unions and community groups.

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