

Longueuil  
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## **Recommendations of LPSP—Longueuil and MSI—South Shore on Bill C-12, the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act**

La Planète s'invite au Parlement—Longueuil (LPSP—Longueuil) [in French only] is a group of citizens from the city of Longueuil, on the South Shore of Montreal, Quebec. The LPSP, which aims to bring the planet's point of view to Parliament, was born of the demonstrations that took place during the fall 2018 provincial election campaign. We decided to submit a brief because the bill addresses our second core demand—the adoption of binding climate legislation.

Mothers Step In—South Shore (MSI—South Shore) [in French only] is the South Shore of Montreal's chapter of Mothers Step In. This movement consists of mothers and grandmothers who are motivated by a desire to protect the future of our children and of life on earth from the climate emergency.

We call for amendments to three main aspects of the bill.

1. Advisory committee
2. Binding standards
3. Interim targets

### **1. Advisory committee**

The Committee must use the best scientific data and best expertise available, and its members must not be interested parties; they must be independent academics or researchers. Other jurisdictions have done this, including Quebec, with a committee of experts 75% of whom are scientists, and this figure is 85% in France. The United Kingdom is making progress and exceeding its objectives largely because of its committee of experts, which provides totally independent advice to the government.

Ideally, the committee must provide regular impact reports assessing the risks of current and expected climate change impacts for Canada in order to document the measures that need to be taken and plan the necessary adaptations.

### **2. Binding standards**

The bill must be binding in order to force the government of the day to achieve its own objectives, which means it must be legally obligated to comply with its own law. Canadians need the government to do more than issue plans and reports; it must take responsibility.

### 3. Interim targets

The carbon neutrality goal is set for 2050, but nothing requires the government to reach any targets before then. This is a climate emergency, so carbon neutrality needs to be achieved as soon as possible and by 2050 at the latest. We must seriously consider setting annual or five-year targets.

This would require encouraging and working with the provinces and Indigenous peoples to facilitate joint, effective actions to combat climate change and adapt to the current and expected impacts.

The federal government must enact clear and strong legislation to assume its climate-related responsibility to Canadians and, above all, redouble efforts to address the emergency we are facing.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

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