

To the honorable members of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development,

As Canadian citizens who are concerned about the climate crisis and the threat that it poses to all current and future generations, we feel compelled to present a brief to the committee stating our suggestions for improvements to Bill C-12.

1. **Suggestion #1:** Amend section 2 to set 2025 as the first “milestone year”.

This will help Canada break our current cycle of promising but not delivering on reductions.

2. **Suggestion #2:** Amend section 7: Set a stronger emissions target of 60% below 2005 levels by 2030, which is aligned with IPCC recommendations.
3. **Suggestion #3:** Amend section 20: Create a panel comprised of **experts** whose members are independent of industry, rather than a stakeholder group. Additionally, provide a budget for the advisory body so that it may conduct independent research.

To this end, we suggest that the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development model Canada’s advisory committee on the UK Climate Change Committee.

4. **Suggestion #4:** Amend sections 16 and 21: Ensure that the panel has more than an advisory role by mandating that the Minister do more than “publicly respond” to the advice of the advisory body. Bill C-21 must impose a legal obligation to reach targets.
5. **Suggestion #5:** Amend section 14: Ensure greater accountability with more robust reporting and oversight. Canada’s Climate Advisory Committee should publish yearly reports on Canada’s progress toward reaching targets and any additional measures required.
6. **Suggestion #6:** Add a clause to ensure that the short-term methods used to reduce carbon emissions for the first milestone years are in line with net zero by 2050.

This means investing in and prioritizing solutions which are aligned with a net-zero future, such as hydrogen produced from renewable energy sources, not from tar-sand or other fossil fuel extraction.

7. **Suggestion #7:** Add a clause to ensure that all measures implemented consider the protection of biodiversity, the preservation of natural habitats, including what remains of old growth forests, and the impact on indigenous and vulnerable communities, both inside Canada and internationally.

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