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Windsor to introduce Climate Protection Bill on Monday

A Private Members Bill to help address issues of climate change will be introduced into the Federal Parliament on Monday night by the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor.

The objects of Mr Windsor's Bill are to:

- (a) ensure that Australia meets its obligations under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol;
- (b) substantially reduce human derived greenhouse gas emissions from Australia;
- (c) set a mandatory target for reducing human derived greenhouse gas emissions from Australia by 30% below 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050 and to ensure Australia meets this target;
- (d) substantially increase the percentage of Australia's energy being sourced from renewable energy sources;
- (e) assist with global efforts to stabilise and reduce human derived greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere;
- (f) assist developing countries to adjust to a carbon constrained world and mitigate the impacts of climate change;
- (g) implement ecologically sustainable development.
- (h) contribute to the conservation of materials used in the manufacture of goods within Australia;
- (i) assist with the avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions from landfills; and
- (j) facilitate the utilisation of the energy embodied in manufactured goods through materials recycling.

Mr Windsor's Bill has had input into its formulation from environmental groups but also takes into account practicalities of minimising the impact of any changes on the national and local economies.

"Australia and the world must not only acknowledge that our current practices of energy production and way of living has and still is having an adverse impact on our environment but also that unless we change our ways then the sustainability of our planet is at risk.

However, people on the other side of the debate must also recognise that it's not just a matter of flicking a switch and the world will be able to change its ways.

The Bill will also ensure that Australia meets its obligations under the Kyoto Protocol and reaffirms my position on NO nuclear power reactors in Australia.

It also seeks to address the impact of climate change on inflows into the Murray Darling system," Mr Windsor said.

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