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Will Tasmania's 200% target reduce emissions?

Climate Tasmania today released the fourth in a series of Fact Sheets on climate. The fact sheet questions whether the recently legislated 200% Tasmanian Renewable Energy Target (TRET) is likely to make an effective contribution to reducing Tasmania or Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.

The fact sheet is one of several the independent, science-based group is releasing during the State election campaign.

"Tasmania is already close to 100% self-sufficient in renewable electricity. Doubling production only makes sense if there is additional demand." said Jack Gilding, an expert advisor to Climate Tasmania. "The main emissions reduction challenge in Tasmania is in other sectors (transport, industry, and agriculture)."

"The TRET is intended to be part of a projected future in which Tasmania both produces hydrogen from renewable electricity and exports electricity to the mainland via Marinus Link."

"Large scale government and private investment in Marinus Link, pumped hydro and new wind farms, if made, **may** contribute to decarbonisation on the mainland. But this is by no means certain. Other technologies may be faster to implement, cheaper and have additional advantages."

Climate change will profoundly impact Tasmania's future, and Climate Tasmania urges Tasmanians to ask candidates in the May 1 election to give clear and detailed statements as to their plans for responding to the climate emergency. We hope that our Fact Sheets and other information will assist Tasmanians to vote for the climate on 1st May.

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Climate Tasmania is a group of concerned professionals who have a diverse range of expertise, spanning scientific, legal, economic, health, energy, social and policy aspects of climate change. Our aim is "To provide timely, independent and authoritative advice to Tasmanian business, government and community leaders on climate change and appropriate policy responses."

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