1. The primary objective of the Clean Economy Jobs Bill 2024 (the Bill) is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Queensland. This is principally achieved through legislating Queensland’s emissions reduction targets.
2. Queensland’s emissions reduction targets are to:
* reduce emissions to 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030
* reduce emissions to 75 per cent below 2005 levels by 2035
* achieve zero net emissions by 2050
1. The Bill aims to provide certainty on the pathway to net zero for Queensland by establishing a requirement to set emissions reduction targets for 2040 and 2045 (‘interim targets’) at least 10 years in advance.
2. The Bill sets a requirement for the development of emission reduction plans that will describe actions the Queensland Government is taking to reduce emissions produced by sectors. This will contribute to the achievement of the State’s emissions reduction targets.
3. The Bill provides for the establishment of an expert panel. This panel may provide advice to the Minister concerning progress towards the emission reduction targets, impacts of the targets, and most efficient and cost-effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
4. The Bill aims to increase transparency and accountability by imposing a requirement to publish an annual statement that outlines Queensland’s progress towards its emissions reduction targets, actions taken to reduce emissions, actions taken to increase jobs in emerging industries and action to support jobs in existing industries.
5. The Bill will provide a critical foundation for the Queensland Government to protect Queensland communities and mitigate the impacts of climate change, including for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It will support Australia’s commitments under the Paris Agreement, with its long-term goal to hold the increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, pursuing efforts to limit temperature increase to 1.5°C.
6. Cabinet approved that the Clean Economy Jobs Bill 2024 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
7. Cabinet approved release of *Queensland’s 2035 Clean Economy Pathway: 75% by 2035.*
8. *Attachments*:
* [Clean Economy Jobs Bill 2024](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2024/Feb/CEJBill/Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2024/Feb/CEJBill/Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Statement of Compatibility](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2024/Feb/CEJBill/Attachments/SoC.PDF)
* [Queensland’s 2035 Clean Economy Pathway: 75% by 2035](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2024/Feb/CEJBill/Attachments/Pathway.PDF)