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The Scottish Government Climate Change Bill Team 1-G North Victoria Quay Edinburgh
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To the Climate Change Bill Consultation Team:

Please accept my submission to the consultation on the Scottish Climate Change Bill.

I welcome the Scottish Government's intention to introduce an 80% emissions reduction by 2050 target, which is an excellent first step for Scotland to become a global leader in the fight against climate change. I believe this target must contain annual reduction targets of at least 3%, and should be delivered in a way that does not cause further harm to the environment.

Living in Orkney, it is remarkable to see how quickly the welfare of seabirds is changing due largely to climate-related impacts. I live next to a site that held 5,500 pairs of Arctic Terns in 1990. Now we are lucky if a few hundred birds bother to come here to breed. These and other Scottish wildlife species are already stressed from diverse factors, such as habitat degradation, pollution and persecution, and they cannot readily sustain will the further impacts of climate change. We need increased investment in protected areas, on land and at sea, and more environmentally friendly management of the wider countryside to secure healthy populations. I would like to see the Scottish Climate Change Bill ensuring adequate resources and effort are directed at enabling Scotland's wildlife to face up to a changing climate, whilst at the same time reducing Scotland's contribution to the global carbon load.

In recognition of the natural and economic value of Scotland's environment, with its rich wildlife we must demonstrate that our greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced, our renewable energy potential reached, and impacts of climate change addressed, all without damaging, and indeed by enhancing, our precious wildlife.

I am responding as an individual and agree for my name, but not my address to be made public.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Tim Dodman