

**SAFCEI Oral Submission**  
**to the Portfolio Committee on**  
**Environment Forestry and Fisheries**  
**on the Climate Change Bill**

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**The Southern African Faith Communities Environment Institute, SAFCEI, is a multi-faith environmental organisation committed to supporting faith leaders and their communities in Southern Africa to increase awareness, understanding and action on eco-justice, sustainable living and climate change.**

# South Africa's Climate Change Bill

- **SAFCEI is fully in support of the Climate Change Bill and commends Parliament for taking action.**
- **The Climate Change Bill is essential for South Africa to realise its Nationally Determined Contributions, as agreed and set in the international negotiations with the UNFCCC.**
- **This is urgent legislation that is late in terms of science and needs to now be implemented**

# Climate Change Bill

- **Globally leadership and action on climate change has been slow and ineffective thus far.**
- **Climate denialism has no place in the current inputs for the Climate Change Bill. We must follow science and experts in this regard.**
- **Its important to listen to climate science, not pseudo science presented as facts.**

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- **Excessive green house gases are problematic and needs to be recognised as an offense and taxed effectively to prevent larger entities being able to pay and not change their behaviours.**
- **SAFCEI recommends higher penalties, that need to be effective.**
- **We don't want big entities to be able to pay to pollute.**

- **We request that everyone should have access to information on adaptation and climate response plans from different sectors and ministries: energy, agriculture, transport, water; as well as from municipalities and provinces.**
- **The public need to know what is planned so that informed input into these plans can be made. Without the necessary information, the public cannot adequately participate.**
- **A climate change bill [act] where information is readily available to anyone.**

## **Climate Change Bill- addressing Business As Usual**

- **We need to have carbon budgets with deadlines**
- **We want to share our support for implementation plans that have dates**
- **For the climate change bill to take affect, it must be actively policed with enforcement, and effective implementation.**
- **South African's energy crisis can be effectively addressed through a just energy transition.**
- **A Just Energy Transition does not include any fossil fuels or nuclear energy.**

- **The Bill should contain strong emission reduction targets that are based on the best available and latest science to ensure that we stay within 1.5 °C of global warming, by:**
  - **assigning carbon budgets to emitters (how much companies and entities are allowed to emit in terms of GHGs)**
  - **assigning Sectoral Emissions Targets (how much each sector – such as energy, agriculture, transport – is allowed to emit).**
- **There should be a long-term target of net zero by 2050 included in the Bill. There also needs to be a clear definition of net-zero and an understanding of the conditions for its application.**
- **Require progress reports on the performance of emitters regarding GHG emissions reduction responsibilities.**







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