



Atlassian's Submission to the House Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy: Climate Change Bills

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Dear Committee Secretariat,

Atlassian appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Committee's inquiry and report into the Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) Bill 2020 and Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2020 (collectively, the **Bills**).

At Atlassian, we build enterprise software products to help teams collaborate, including for software development, project management and content management. Our commitment to collaboration extends beyond our own products and solutions, to ensuring that we all do our part and work together to achieve social and environmental progress in everything we do.

We are at a critical moment for climate action. In order to respond to the threat of significant and painful disruption to the environment, society, and the economy that climate change poses, we believe that the private sector, public sector, and citizens must take bold action.

Atlassian set a goal to reach 100% renewable power across all of our operations by 2025, which we achieved in the fiscal year 2020, five years ahead of schedule. We are also committed to setting science-based targets to limit warming to 1.5°C and achieve net-zero emissions by no later than 2050 – plans which have been approved by the Science Based Targets Initiative steering committee.

Inspiring others to act is also a critical part of our climate commitments. This includes our partnerships with other industry coalitions to advance climate action, including the RE100,¹ the UN-led Business Ambition for 1.5°C,² the Renewable Energy Buyers

¹ <https://www.there100.org/>

² <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/take-action/events/climate-action-summit-2019/business-ambition>



Alliance,³ and the Step Up Declaration,⁴ and, importantly, encouraging governments to set bold climate targets and policies to enable us to achieve a net-zero future.

For these reasons, we are proud to support the Bills. Importantly, the Bills would codify a clear policy target of achieving net zero emissions by 2050 into law, backed by emissions budgets and associated emissions reduction plans. This means that the Bills would not only formally adopt a policy goal that is consistent with and endorsed by the Paris Agreement, several State and Territory governments, and many companies both in Australia and globally, but would support this through a clear policy framework. The framework itself is also clearly defined and supported by principles that emphasise its science-based and risk-based approach, while ensuring continued emphasis on efficiency, effectiveness, fiscal responsibility and fairness.

The Bills represent a practical, workable and important foundation for advancing Australian action on climate change, and we strongly encourage its passage.

Yours sincerely,

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³ <https://rebuyers.org/>

⁴ <https://stepupdeclaration.org/>