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**Subject:** My feedback on SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ACT (Bill 213)

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Re: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ACT (Bill 213)

I am writing to express grave concern on the proposed amendments to EGSPA.

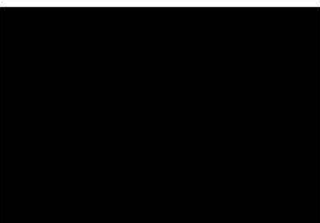
The new version weakens the Act's emphasis on the environmental aspect of sustainable development, and does not set an adequate target for reducing carbon. It follows the bare minimum levels that have been suggested, with no room for error. The risks are far too high to take such a chance. We can and should do more.

Also, the province's focus on using forest biomass, much of it cut directly from our forests specifically for generating electricity, must be addressed in the new act. Biomass must be removed from the list of renewable electricity sources, as it clearly increases our carbon footprint and removes our ability to reduce carbon by removing the trees. Also the shipping of biomass off our coasts must be stopped and this Act could assist with this endeavor. Other countries who burn Nova Scotia biomass are clearly NOT DOING THEIR SHARE at reducing their carbon footprint. We should not be liquidating the very 'machines' that can soak up carbon, our trees! Please add this to the Act.

Furthermore, I am gravely concerned by what appears to be the under-handedness of my government, quietly announcing on a Friday that public input is sought on this Act on the following Monday. This is not sincere or adequate consultation. You can, and must, do better.

Sincerely,

Donna Crossland MScF



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