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October 28, 2019

Dear Members of the Legislature,

Thank you for your proactivity on responding the urgency of the climate emergency with the Sustainable Development Goals Act.

My primary concern with the Act is the emissions target for 2030. We are already experiencing climate changes that are dramatically impacting people's lives, landscapes, other species and economies as I type. The wildfires in California today are a case in point. This is associated with the 1 degree C of warming that has already occurred. The targets being cited now are based on 1.5 degrees of warming. Because our planetary systems are nonlinear and complex, the extra half of a degree could bring disproportionate disruption.

The window of opportunity to put on the breaks is now, in the ten years before 2030. Therefore, we need stronger targets for emissions levels for 2030. Please revise the act to be in alignment with the Nova Scotian "2030 Declaration" <https://ecologyaction.ca/sites/default/files/images-documents/2030%20Declaration%20with%20Signatories%20-%20Aug%2027%200.pdf> which proposes a 2030 emissions target of 50% below 1990 levels, rather than the currently proposed 53% below 2005.

More dramatic, and decisive action is an opportunity for Nova Scotia to be a leader, a role model and a case study on the global level. Nova Scotia has not benefitted from participation in the business as usual global economy. A deeper commitment to a sustainable, inclusive economy is an opportunity to actually improve the lives of Nova Scotians. This transition can draw upon people's latent ingenuity, put many more people to work doing things that feel meaningful, allow more people access to affordable transportation, and help people become healthier through getting more incidental exercise and eating healthier food. This transition can be done in ways that improve our equity and social, physical and psychological wellbeing.

And of course, with strong 2030 targets comes the need to action now, before the end of the year, and a detailed ten year plan of action. We can't wait.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Emily LeGrand