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Dear members of the legislature and Honourable Gordon Wilson,

I'm a business owner and youngish entrepreneur. I've owned sustainable tech companies, marketing companies, I have a rental property business, and I love Nova Scotia. I'm here because of the warmth and power of community here in Nova Scotia.

For starters, thank you for making this bold move to get Bill 213 through, it is critical at this time to set the standards for the next 4 years, not knowing what the next government will do. Thank you for including inclusive economy and "Netukulimk.

Here are some suggestions of how the bill can be more comprehensive:

1. "Netukulimk - does meeting this principle mean we uphold all of the tenants in the treaties? If not, the act needs to include this. The treaty is much more specific and we have not held up our end of this historically.
2. If our current economy is producing more GHG emissions than is possible for the planet and there are jobs in this, can the act including transitioning those jobs to sustainable jobs and incentivize sustainable entrepreneurship?
3. In regards to 7b in Bill 213, at a minimum, our GHG emissions need to be at least 50% below the GHG levels in 1990, given the current climate change research and net zero by 2030. How can the act right a way make sure we make goals within 2 years that enact this? How can the bill expressly provide the conditions for acting right away? Every community in Nova Scotia should be doing what Energize Bridgewater and Glooscap are doing in terms of energy efficiency and alternative energy.
4. 9a is a good idea but could go further - Ensure that citizens receive adequate support to ensure this is a just transition, and all businesses are asked to do their part (without passing all costs on to the consumer - but by using a portion of their profits to ensure they are not negatively impacting the environment, including emissions as well as clean air, water, food, etc.) - eg in limiting emissions from home heating - Bridgewater example <http://www.energizebridgewater.ca/>
5. 8(d) clean inclusive growth.
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 - Let's
 - stop using the word "growth." Growth and infinite growth is tied to the narrative of resource economy can continue to extract forever and that any jobs will do, and that if the the economy grows we will be prosperous and this simply isn't how it works when
 - we have limits to how much we can extract. The concept of infinite growth is counter to the fact that we have planetary and resource limits. The concept comes from the financial market economy, which does not account for paying for or managing "externalities"

- like waste or GHG emissions. Using this term while lowering GHG emissions is counter-intuitive. "Growth" should be replaced with "thriving" to ensure that we grow the economy within planetary limits. The model that's most helpful for understanding this today
 - is:
[https://www.ted.com/talks/kate raworth a healthy economy should be designed to thrive not grow?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/kate_raworth_a_healthy_economy_should_be_designed_to_thrive_not_grow?language=en)
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6. 2a: Circular economy good start, but it's not comprehensive enough for the complexity of our economy and it is still extraction and recycling based; let's use regenerative and thriving economy models instead! Circular economy seems to leave many loopholes. For example, under the circular economy, couldn't coal continue to be mined and shipped other places? Wouldn't it still be ok to recycle plastic and put more of it out into the environment? It places no limits or framework for how much pollution can be put into the environment while recycling things? The Doughnut model is more descriptive in terms of providing what we need within the planetary boundaries while meeting the needs of society. <https://www.kateraworth.com/doughnut/>

Thank you for your time and work on this. We're all in this together, living in the same economy, breathing the same air, and drinking the same water.

Warmly,

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