



Statement on embedding equity, inclusion and community in Net Zero Economy Authority

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Dear Prime Minister,

Our 48 organisations welcome the Federal Government’s commitment to establish the Net Zero Economy Authority to promote an orderly and positive transition to a net zero emissions economy. However, the Bill needs to be amended to ensure the Authority has a focus on equity and inclusion and ensure communities are supported and share in the benefits of the transition.

The broader community affected by the transition needs to know that they won’t be left behind and will also be supported alongside directly affected employees. This will be important to create social licence for the transition and reduce inequality.

We call on you to make the following small and simple amendments when the bill is debated in the Senate.

1. Amend objective a) to read “promote orderly, **equitable, inclusive** and positive economic **and social** transformation as the world decarbonises;”
2. Amend objective b) to read “ensure Australia’s regions, **communities**, and workers are supported in relation to, and **equitably** benefit from, Australia’s transition to a net zero emissions economy;”
3. In addition to the existing requirement for two union, two industry and one regional representative, require at least one First Nations representative and one representative from community sector be appointed to the Board; and
4. Require the stakeholder group to include representation from the community sector, First Nations People, and people with lived experience of disadvantage.

These amendments will give the government and communities confidence that the Authority can ensure everyone benefits from the transition and no-one is left behind.

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