Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Climate Change Policy. It is excellent to see the NSW Government commitment to reducing emissions by 50% by 2030 and net zero by 2050. This is such important work and I appreciate the understanding of the seriousness of the need for action on climate change conveyed in the policy. I also appreciate of the significance of this to my much loved children, nephews and nieces who will obviously inherit the consequences of our (in)actions.

This policy, and the action plan, do nothing to tackle the second largest, and fastest growing, source of emissions: transport. That's an unacceptable deficiency.
I am not even sure transport is the second largest by now, some measures claim it as the highest, even triple home emissions.

I am pleased to credit NSW with providing low emissions albeit sketchy public transport in our communities, postcodes 2776 and 2047.
I am not so pleased to be unable to credit NSW in discouraging excess motor vehicle use.

The NSW Government can take immediate action to reduce short car trips. Half of Greater Sydney's car trips are less than 5km long, and many are under 2km. Half of these should be shifted to walking (for trips up to 800m) and cycling (for trips up to 5km and more) by measures that could be implemented over the next two years, including:
- facilitate independent mobility for disabled people without involving car use;
- Adopt 30km/h default speed limits in local streets and town centres;
- Enable 75% of students to walk, cycle or take public transport to school daily;
- Improve and expand streetscape projects to support local businesses and community amenity;
- Build or upgrade 2,560 pedestrian crossings;
- Build 1,000 km of connected, safe and direct cycle and micromobility routes per year (ie with sufficient budget and a fully resourced Active Transport Delivery Unit in TfNSW)
- Provide incentives and subsidies for e-bikes in transport-disadvantaged areas of Sydney and NSW;
- Run an education campaign to ensure NSW residents understand that making unnecessary short car trips is as harmful and as anti-social as smoking, littering, dumping and violence.

These actions fit within your remit of influence, monitor, enable and educate. On page 16 it you say "We encourage and support the broader community and businesses in general to minimise greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon sinks in NSW, by using education, behavioural change programs and other innovative approaches."

The EPA should regulate the operations of Transport for NSW to make sure their priorities and projects confirm a vigorous reduction in emissions instead of increasing them.

regards, Martin

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