



JERSEY CARBON NEUTRAL ROADMAP CONSULTATION RESPONSE 2022

ENABLING POLICIES

For the attention of the Minister for the Environment

The Jersey Youth Parliament believe that the Carbon Neutral Roadmap is excellent and will be incredibly significant in aiding our transition to become a sustainable island, however there are alterations in some areas which we would suggest to make it even more effective. We will go through each of the policies in order, detailing our comments.

The JYP also consulted other young people through a survey. 139 young people from 11 different educational institutions participated.

They rated the government's response to the climate emergency at a meager 4.27 out of 10. Of the 97 who gave further comments, 21 felt that not enough was being done, another 20 had no knowledge of what is being done, and 17 felt that faster action is required to address the carbon emergency.

The participants recognised the importance of awareness and education on issues surrounding carbon emissions and the environment.

QUOTES FROM JYP SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

"The governments actions are only small steps and we need to walk a marathon to resolve the climate crisis...the government can make laws and create awareness to the situation. Some people not taking action need to be encouraged by the government...We might not have the money for this but we got into the situation and so we have to resolve it."

"I don't know that much about it, which says something in itself"

"...This government has focused on the financial sector more than anything else, while they could be making legislative efforts to reduce climate change on the island."

"The government are doing good but they could spread more awareness and tell people what they could do to help."

"I understand the government are doing something, but I don't think the public are as informed as they should be. They say they are doing these things but I wish they are able to show us results on what their changes are making"

"There could be shorter deadlines"

"I don't know what the climate response is from Government"

EN1

We feel that this policy is very important, as it will set a good example for decarbonisation and build the framework for more changes to come. We hope that this is carefully focused upon and brought about in order to boost our transition to carbon neutrality.

EN2

We believe that creating a Carbon Neutral Alliance will be a huge step forwards in making our Island more sustainable, as we feel that the only way to succeed is by working together and focusing on unity. This scheme will provide an opportunity to share knowledge and ideas, and ultimately create links in our community which will be essential in moving forwards.

EN3

We fully support this policy as we understand the importance of improving the skills available to aid decarbonisation, as without sufficient training, we will not be able to fulfil all the policies outlined. So we therefore believe that emphasis should be placed on this initiative, as it is one that will be imperative in ensuring Jersey's future.

EN4

We feel very strongly that good quality education on the environment within schools is something that is essential in order to build a sustainable community, in which everyone understands and cares about climate related issues. This is the only way we will truly be able to succeed, as we need to change the general mindset towards climate change and our role in solving it.

EN5

We feel that this policy is particularly important, as it is crucial that we preserve and protect our natural environment, in order to enable the creatures that live in it to thrive. Loss of biodiversity is a huge problem, so we hope that this will also be improved through the actions of this policy. We feel that establishing Jersey as a centre of excellence for blue carbon sequestration will be a significant step forwards in making Jersey an Island that enables nature to flourish.

EN6

As a group, we understand that at the moment, carbon offsets will need to be involved in reaching a carbon neutral status, however we hope that more focus will be placed on direct actions to reduce emissions, therefore decreasing the amount of offsets that will need to be purchased. This is because we feel that it is important to do as much as we can to reduce our emissions before turning to other methods. Indeed, we hope that in the future, the need for carbon offsetting will be completely eliminated.

Conclusion from the Jersey Youth Parliament

In conclusion, we as the Youth Parliament of Jersey believe that the policies will go a long way towards reaching our goals, and we have no new policies to suggest (except for the pedestrianisation of town), however a large number of the policies need to be more ambitious.

In this climate crisis, we need to do everything we can. These policies are good and great steps to take, but they aren't quite there yet.

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