



Passed Final Stage in the Assembly on 9th March 2022.



Sets a target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

*The net zero target does not require reductions in methane emissions by 2050 to be more than 46% lower than the baseline for methane.



Requires 5-year carbon budgets to be set limiting overall emissions in the period.

Requires 5 yearly Climate Action Plans to be produced and implemented to deliver progress towards the targets and compliance with carbon budget limits.

*Climate Action Plans have to include annual greenhouse gas and air quality targets as well as soil quality and biodiversity targets to be achieved during the 5 year period



SECTORAL PLANS

Requires the development of various sectoral plans including an agriculture plan.

JUST TRANSITION FUND

Requires the establishment of a Just Transition Fund for Agriculture to provide advice and financial assistance to the agriculture sector to deliver its contribution under proposals and policies within Climate Action Plans.

JUST TRANSITION COMMISSION

Requires the establishment of a Just Transition Commission to oversee the implementation of the just transition elements of the Act.

NORTHERN IRELAND CLIMATE COMMISSIONER

Requires the establishment of a Northern Ireland Climate Commissioner to oversee and report on the operations of the Act.





Contains a legal requirement for all Northern Ireland Departments to exercise their functions in a manner consistent with the targets and ambitions of the Bill, and to contribute to delivering its targets, carbon budgets and actions plans.

