

*These notes relate to the Climate Change (Scotland) Act  
2009 (asp 12) which received Royal Assent on 4 August 2009*

# CLIMATE CHANGE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### THE ACT

#### **Part 1 – Emissions Reduction Targets**

##### **The 2050 target**

8. [Section 1](#) sets out the 80% target for 2050. Subsection (1) defines the obligation on the Scottish Ministers as reducing the net Scottish emissions account by at least 80% by 2050 relative to the defined baseline year. The net Scottish emissions account is defined in section 13, and the baseline year in section 11, of the Act. For any one year it will consist of the total of Scottish emissions, reduced by the amount of Scottish removals and adjusted to reflect carbon units credited and debited to the account.