

# Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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### Clause

1. What process should the Government use to set a new emissions reduction target in legislation?

### Notes

New Zealand is a very small country and has a minuscule global effect on any worldwide carbon emissions. When the large polluters of the planet, i.e. USA & China are prepared to do something meaningful then we join in, until then we are wasting our time and money pursuing this.

### Clause

2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?

### Notes

No target at all until (1) has been achieved

### Clause

3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

### Notes

By not setting any.

### Clause

4. Should the Zero Carbon Bill allow the 2050 target to be revised if circumstances change?

### Position

Yes

### Notes

Change the target to allow New Zealand to compete on a level playing field. I feel the Zero Carbon Bill is a total waste of our resources, time and money. There are far more pressing things to address in this country that will result in a better environment to live, i.e youth crime, drug usage, educational standards, health, the list is long, but we make it hard when we go off on flights of fantasy, such as pursuing this bill.

### Clause

5. The Government proposes that three emissions budgets of five years each (i.e. covering the next 15 years) be in place at any given time. Do you agree with this proposal?

### Position

No

### Notes

Scrap the bill and its targets.

### Clause

6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (i.e. furthest into the future)?

### Position

Yes - each incoming Government should have the option to review the third budget in the sequence

### Notes

see (5)

### Clause

7. Should the Government have the ability to review and adjust the second emissions budget within a specific range under exceptional circumstances? See p36 Our Climate Your Say

### Position

Yes

### Notes

See (5)

**Clause**

8. Do you agree with the considerations we propose that the Government and the Climate Change Commission take into account when advising on and setting budgets? See p44 Our Climate Your Say

**Position**

No

**Notes**

Do not set targets or budgets.

**Clause**

9. Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets?

**Position**

No

**Notes**

This sounds as if we are attempting to change the laws of physics. If there is a marked reduction in CO2 as a result of any efforts made, vegetation will suffer, which in turn will cause any oxygen consuming life to suffer. Remove CO2 from the atmosphere and we all die. 3rd form biology teaches this.

**Clause**

10. What are the most important issues for the Government to consider in setting plans to meet budgets? For example, who do we need to work with, what else needs to be considered?

**Notes**

The Govt. needs to find a way to work with volcanoes!! these spew more carbon into the atmosphere than ever we can hope to remove. The amount of carbon in the world is a constant, we can neither create nor destroy it. Encapsulating it in vegetation is the best thing the world can do.

**Clause**

11. The Government has proposed that the Climate Change Commission advises on and monitors New Zealand's progress towards its goals. Do you agree with these functions? See p42 Our Climate Your Say

**Position**

No

**Notes**

This whole Commission 'industry' is a huge waste of time and money, and as a taxpayer, it is my money and I object to it being wasted on such things.

**Clause**

12. What role do you think the Climate Change Commission should have in relation to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS)?

**Notes**

See (11,) get rid of the Commission.

**Clause**

13. The Government has proposed that Climate Change Commissioners need to have a range of essential and desirable expertise. Do you agree with the proposed expertise? See p45 Our Climate Your Say

**Position**

No

**Notes**

The expertise needed is Divine and therefore not available. Dismantle the CCC

**Clause**

14. Do you think the Zero Carbon Bill should cover adapting to climate change?

**Position**

No

**Notes**

The Bill should be scrapped. Concentrate our resources on issues that will benefit our population and not try to hoodwink them into a wild goose chase.

**Clause**

15. The Government has proposed a number of new functions to help us adapt to climate change. Do you agree with the proposed functions? See p47 Our Climate Your Say

**Position**

No

**Notes**

The only constant in the world is change. (Some clever person coined this phrase, but it is very true). For thousands, nay, millions of

years the climate on this planet has changed, Ice ages come and go. Warm periods come and go. The oil deposits in the Middle East are a result of decaying vegetation that grew there millions of years ago, the place is a desert now, why? it is due to naturally occurring changes our solar system produces, it is due to the laws of physics and we cannot change these, we can adapt tho'.

**Clause**

16. Should we explore setting up a targeted adaptation reporting power that could see some organisations share information on their exposure to climate change risks?

**Position**

No

**Notes**

This is another Job creation scheme! it will produce meaningless data and not alter anything except drain the small resources of the Govts coffers.

**Clause**

Do you have any other comments you'd like to make?

**Notes**

If one swings a bucket of water around in a circle the arc it describes is constant, due to the fact we have friction between our feet and the ground, if this attempted whilst standing in a small boat the result is very different, as we are now subject to the centrifugal force of the bucket of water, but with no constant axis. This is in effect what the Sun is doing, except it has 9 planets spinning around and many are huge compared to the Earth. The sun therefore, having no means of axis fixation, will move in its own orbit. This will vary according to the alignment of the planets. The Sun will move in relation to the Earth, therefore producing warm periods and cool periods. This occurs over many thousands of years, history tells us of ice ages. Sir Issac Newton figured this out with his 3rd Law of Motion. This whole Zero Carbon Emission thing is whistling into the wind. The Govt should direct its energies and finances into things it can change and benefit the population of New Zealand and not buy into the hysteria of the moment.