Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

Fairhaven Walk Association

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Clause
1. What process should the Government use to set a new emissions reduction target in legislation?
Position
The Government sets a 2050 target in legislation now
Notes
By what authority has the Climate Change Commission sought to advise on emissions when the procedures are clearly spelt out in the Paris Agreement COP 21 of December the 12th 2015 and signed by New Zealand.

Clause
2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?
Position
Net Zero Emissions - Net zero emissions across all greenhouse gases by 2050
Notes
NZ is a larger producer of methane gas than CO2 and Net Zero Emissions will allow NZ to plant trees for sequestration and to offset methane where we are talking about tens of thousands of livelihoods. And, where does it say that a pseudo commission of the sort you are advising represent the different strata of society covered and undersigned in the COP 21 Agreement?

Clause
3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?
Position
Domestic emissions reductions (including from new forest planting) and using some emissions reductions from overseas (international carbon units) that have strong environmental safeguards
Notes
Carbon Credits has not worked. No production of Greenhouse gases is actually allowed anyway under COP 21 so the only thing on sale is technology from the IPCC. And where is the IPCC in the TEC in NZ. Not on your list of patrons it seems. No .....the representatives have to be elected - but again, NZ has not even ratified the Climate Change Agreement Dec 12th 2015 and we only have some very watered down parties to climate change in Parliament.

Clause
4. Should the Zero Carbon Bill allow the 2050 target to be revised if circumstances change?
Position
Yes
Notes
Has to, the Climate Change Agreement allows for this in the COP 31 Agreement but only if the travelling panel of the IPCC allow it.

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
This is preposterous. We the people of New Zealand have not seen details of current CO2 or Greenhouse gas loadings (last measure was in 2009 and the previous government may well have not had up to date information seeing that it fired all the relative government monitoring departments), nor have we been given a report on how individual communities - particularly the disenfranchised, the less equitable and those with gender or cultural differences - will be affected and how they must not be disadvantaged - another COP 21 Article. _Your commission looks very shaky as far as being informed so far I have to say.

Clause
6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (i.e. furthest into the future)?
Position
Yes - the third emissions budget should be able to be changed but only when the subsequent budget is set
Notes
This again is putting money in front of necessary science and technology. How do we put a cost on communities and those most
affected but the least able to contribute. We cannot ratify the Paris Agreement until these questions are answered - and not by government alone or any commission.

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
This again is putting money in front of necessary science and technology as with the above question No 6. How do we put a cost on communities and those most affected but the least able to contribute? We cannot ratify the Paris Agreement until these questions are answered and this may take up to 30 years to do given the definition of anthroprometric is man made and New Zealand will be 5 million in population and yet 4 billion will be producing CO2 and Greenhouse Gases excluding the Montreal and Kyoto protocols. So, be realistic please. We have to have a firm plan to ratify out NZ Climate Change accord but we cannot be all things to all people otherwise we will certainly be disadvantaging those who matter under COP21.

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
How can I? I lecture in Environmental Impact in New Zealand Tertiary Education Organisation and I have never see any Commission document or even the Royal Society of New Zealand document dealing how to plan for, to monitor and to control for climate change. I do know that I have spend $3 million dollars lifting a communities road up 45 metres above mean high spring and was given $1 by the local TA and council even though we gifted all out riparian rights to mitigate any otherwise foreshore effects. So dont tell me what you all of you are going to do until you tell me that you can match this.

Clause
9. Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets? For example, who do we need to work with, what else needs to be considered?

Notes
Firstly we look at poverty, housing, education and health. We make a plan to properly equip all our peoples including the new immigrants which will surely arrive in this time ie to 2050. Secondly, we have to identify the most corrupt gases affecting the Ozone layer as well as global warming. They are currently two separate issues. Thirdly, we rank and measure the effects on our weakest communities of both what we plan to do and what other major producers of greenhouse gases and anthroprometric ocean temperature warming will be doing. Do we have to go to war here? Hope not. Gosh, I looked after building motorways in Europe in Romania and Poland and Hungary after 60 years of Russian rule but these questions you ask really have me very worried - do you really know what you are up against. Will everyone have to spend $NZ3 Million? This is what the iron curtain countries spent. It is that serious. Don't simply amend our resource management act. We have to completely reinvent our society from the ground up and the bottom down.

Clause
10. 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
Climate change Commission have not see fit to contact anyone in NZ. Do you call this questionnaire your formal notification? You have my best wishes but I will certainly not be holding my breath.

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

Position
Makes decisions itself in respect of the number of units available in the NZ ETS

Notes
The decisions here are no show and a dog's show of your commission ever understanding both scientifically and socially what may be necessary to counteract climate change. The procedure is that NZ ratifies the COP21 agreement in the NZ Parliament. Then NZ proposes their plan - not necessarily in 3 tranches to year 2050, and agrees the best one with the IPCC. Have you not read the Agreement? It is all spelt out here. There will not be any NZ Emissions Trading Scheme. It is illegal. You cannot transfer your problems any more to another country and say = Yep....we're clean.

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 government have not even asked New Zealanders this question. Who are these climate change commissioners. From Wellington, Nerds from NIWA, Sports representatives as with the heads of government departments. I advise ask the little person in the street first and get their buy in otherwise you will be creating a disaster which will be extending climate change adversarial effects and not limit them. Do you want to take that risk?

Clause
14. Do you think the Zero Carbon Bill should cover adapting to climate change?
Position
Yes
Notes
What - You mean you don't have a plan which is ratifiable by the IPCC but nevertheless you think that you can proceed with any Bill on Climate Change without considering and debating the full effects of COP21? This is amazingly arrogant...almost as arrogant as CERA.

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
Have not read the. But then I am only a lecturer teaching degree diploma and graduate students in the building and construction industry with only a MSc and B Arch NZIA and RIBA and over 40 year of working in this profession I deliberately seek all this information out but I have never seen you or met you or anything else you climate commissions. Send me the information please then I can read it.

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
Yes
Notes
Have no idea what you mean here with targeted adaption reporting power. What sort of definition does this haveF You cannot make an omelette without breaking eggs? Is this what you are saying? You are going to nevertheless disenfranchise part of NZ society and you want me to be in on the action? Forget it. All actions must be up to the IPCC ratification and their individual governmental acts and regulations which under NZ law - must be debated and those most affected brought into discussion and must give their agreement.

Clause
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make?
Notes
I wish to draw you attention to the work of the Fairhaven Walk Association who were among the first to take a firm stand against climate change in NZ with their wallets as well as their community.

You have elected to withhold your personal details from publication.