

Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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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

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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

We need to force the dairy industry to start innovating. When it comes to greenhouse gases, methane is far more potent than anything that comes out of a tailpipe. Innovation from dairy now could save thousands of jobs later when we are faced with the twin economic threat of synthesised milk and meat coming from overseas producers. We should be working towards creating our own synthetics right now, not lagging behind. And big dairy should be leading the charge.

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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

No dodgy trades with 3rd/2nd world countries that can't be checked up on though!

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Of course, but only in terms of reducing emissions, not raising them.

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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

Yes

Notes

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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

And also, again, only in terms of increasing funding if needed, not reducing it.

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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

And also, again, only in terms of increasing funding if needed, not reducing it.

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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

Yes

Notes**Clause**

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

Position

Yes

Notes**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

Dairy need to be brought on the journey. Transport agencies / ministries need to be part of the solution. The car industry needs to be consulted and led.

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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

Yes

Notes**Clause**

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

Position

Advising the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS

Notes**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

Yes

Notes

Yes, but also experts from the tech sector with a keen understanding of newly emerging green technologies (eg Hyperloop, electric planes, battery tech, home generation and micro-gridding, truly biodegradable packaging, milk and meat alternatives and synthetics, 3D printed materials, modular housing, hydrogen shipping, etc) coming in the next 5 years as this is fundamental to setting a maximum impact strategy

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Rising sea levels in particular will be problematic in terms of re-housing those affected. Is there potential for a national insurance covering climate change to be instigated? People's life savings are in their homes - often in places that will be affected by climate change, this can't be overlooked, but needs to be faced head on, without bulldozing people's entire lives in the process.

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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

Yes

Notes

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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

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

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This has to happen now. Good to see a government willing to do something. Let's have the hard conversations now, then move on to a brighter, cleaner, smarter future for all. PS consider the TOP policy on housing and wealth taxation. it's the only way to free up people's finances from their homes, stop people being so scared of climate change destroying their equity, and will mean we have more money to invest in new tech.