

Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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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

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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

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

Position

Yes

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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?

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Local councils. Incentivise them to choose transport providers who have cleaner bus technology. Wellington regional council has chosen to renew their bus contract with a cheaper provider who will not be able to deliver the electric busses that the original provider could deliver. Incentivise councils to save and invest for rail in the future. Wellington city council is considering spending money on a lot of projects such as stadiums, instead of saving rates money for potential projects such as the Wellington light rail. We need to start saving for this now, and not expect the gvmnt and future ratepayers debt to pay for it all. Partnership with electric vehicle manufacturers, to encourage them to produce EV replacement batteries in NZ. Will comment on this more below. Also incentivise them to build affordable models of electric cars in NZ. Power companies - support special deals on cheap power for EV owners.

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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

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Yes

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

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Yes

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

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Just want to give some feedback on the legislative changes to support climate change relating to electric vehicles. You might be aware of the issues around electric car batteries at present. I have just bought a Nissan Leaf, and am aware that there are no batteries presently being imported into the country because the current laws classify them as a dangerous substance. They are

however allowed to be imported when they are inside a car. The lack of replacement batteries is putting a lot of people off buying Leafs which are all used Japanese imports, particularly the older ones which have less reliable batteries that will need replacement. We need to change the legislation as soon as possible to support the safe import of refurbished batteries from Japan for our electric cars. We also need to incentivise car manufacturers to produce batteries in NZ, and support NZ companies that are trying to replicate these batteries and produce them at home. I hope we can also support the mining of substances used by car batteries that we currently have available to be mined in NZ, in an environmentally friendly way, and sell these substances or use to develop our own EV battery industry in NZ. they are in big demand around the world.