

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

Notes

The Climate Change Commission can decide if it sees fit to increase the target - ie. be carbon negative by X% by 2050, or achieve carbon 0 before 2050.

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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

Disingenuous question. What are you really asking here? Agriculture and its emissions should not be given a free pass. Agriculture is our biggest emitter and if we include them it forces us to find solutions. Pressure and stress are big motivators in getting the job done.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

This works best for brand NZ - clean green etc. If we can't do it with a population of only 4 million in a developed economy then either no one can or we are incompetent. We need to set an example, be innovative, find solutions that can be exported.

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

Position

No

Notes

Unless its to accelerate the process. We need to shoot for the stars and worst case we reach the moon.

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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

If the case that this 3rd budget is to be watered down, there should be rigorous checks and measures.

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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

Exceptional circumstances need to be clearly defined. A local natural disaster eg Christchurch earthquake should not be considered an exceptional circumstance. Perhaps we can put local exemptions in place in such a scenario but keep national targets unchanged. Also a global / national economic crash should not be an exceptional circumstance. (They're not really exceptional as they seem to

occur every 10 years or so anyway and we are due for one soon it seems) In other words we should not allow the disfunction of our economic system to dictate our emmission reduction targets. GDP, unemployment, inflation etc are not accurate measures of economic and social health. We should not prioritise these false measures over life itself.

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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

The government should be required to respond to recommendations from the CCCommision within 1 to 3 months not 3 to 6.

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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

Notes

Timeframe should be defined.

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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?

Notes

UNEP - auditor or advisor.

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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

Consider legislation that could trigger the Commision to take over decision making if the government fails to meet its targets, fails to set carbon budgets appropriately, fails to keep NZ's obligations under the ratified Paris Accord. Or a system where the Commission can 'fine / sue' the government (or the even better the ruling party/ies) and monies used for appropriate carbon e reduction activities.

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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

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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

Prioritise society over the economy pls

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Biggest adaptation needed is to foster and allow the building of a parallel economy that mitigates as much as possible the potential for total collapse and chaos. Decentralised renewable energy grids. Business shifting to a social enterprise model (as opposed to private, shareholder) to keep things going - supply chains etc. Ensure food stability and security - localised vertical farms for eg. Community resilience and self-sufficiency. Decentralisation. Crypto. 4 day then 3 day work week to save resources. So much to do....

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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

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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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