

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

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Make it sooner if need be!

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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

No - emissions budgets should not be able to be changed

Notes

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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

No

Notes

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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

No

Notes

The environment needs to take priority over profit. If that means impacting "competitiveness", than so be it. But there needs to be a significant effort made to invest in sustainable and clean jobs here in NZ

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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**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

Working with Ag to manage a transition from dairy to sustainable farming. Work with Oil companies and vehicle manufactures that operate nationally to wholly fund electric charging stations and to offer electric vehicles on the NZ market. Help small and medium businesses get access to finance for clean transport, to develop sustainable processes. Help NZers building homes and renovating get access to finance fro solar and other sustainable materials for building.

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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

No

Notes

I believe the commission needs to be "Advisory, with mechanisms built in to hold Government to account"

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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

Makes decisions itself in respect of the number of units available 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

Conflicts of interest can not be tolerated. Prioritise science over business

Clause

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Perhaps in a separate bill, but this needs to be done along side the zero-carbon bill

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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**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

OF COURSE!

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

Notes

The commission must be independent, lack conflicts of interest (business interests that is), have the authority to set new rules and targets and enforce them if there is inaction on behalf of govt. It must be as transparent as possible, work on behalf of people and not profit and have the spine to stand up to powerful business interests that have vested interests that conflict with the health of the environment. There also needs to be a lot more focus on agriculture and their impact on the environment. They are the single largest contributor to greenhouse gasses and have done immense damage to our environment. They need to be held responsible and must adapt to the changes that must be made to save our environment

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