

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 goal to reach net zero emissions by the second half of the century and the Climate Change Commission advises on the specific target for the Government to set later

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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

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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

I think one likely future is where the majority of the world consumes "lab grown" meat & milk etc, but NZ continues to produce some of the best natural primary products for the premium global market willing to pay carbon taxes etc to obtain that. Reduced viable farming land worldwide will also drive an increase the value of NZ's produce. At the same time we should invest much of our effort in technologies to reduce natural farming emissions as much as possible, via animal feed, grass, fertilisers and animal breeding etc etc.. to become the world experts in that field.

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

Position

Yes

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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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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

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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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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

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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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For example we must, like other countries, signal an effective "total ban" on petrol/diesel cars (except tight exceptions) by a certain date to (A) provide certainty so that people buying new cars today consider the value of the car to the end of its working life (which will drive decisions 10-15 years before that date). (B) Avoid a worst-case glut of cheap secondhand petrol/diesel cars flooding our roads when other countries ban dates are approaching if we don't align with them destroying our green reputation etc.

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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

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**Clause**

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

Position

No

Notes**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

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

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

Notes

Some form of tax rewards, public points system or self-assessment calculation systems or similar for households to assess, compare

or be rewarded for changes they make to reduce emissions (ie. electric car, replacing gas house/water heating with heat pump heaters/cylinder, buying heatpump dryer, installing solar and/or battery storage etc etc)

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