

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 Long-Lived Gases and Stabilised Short-Lived Gases - Long-lived gases to net zero by 2050 while also stabilising short-lived gases

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

We need to be responsible for our own country and stepping up to make it happen.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Climate change, although we have the ability to control some of it, we cannot predict nature or economic downfalls and need to have flexibility, just like the "smoke free" campaign for 2020. As great a goal as they both are, we need to be realistic.

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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

Either the 5/10/15 year or the 6 year with a revaluation at 3 years which could put us in a better footing for achieving zero emissions by 2050.

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6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (i.e. furthest into the future)?

Position

Yes - each incoming Government should have the option to review the third budget in the sequence

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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

Notes

No. If they want to change it they need to make the time frame smaller (3 years instead of 5).

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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

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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

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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

The main issue would be is it going to make an environmental difference soon enough. Climate Change Commission, CSIRO, NIWA, scientists, physicists, environmental analysts - people who have the environmental knowledge to guide us.

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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

There's no point in advising the Government if they decide not to listen. Best to leave it in the hands of experts.

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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

If they aren't experts in this area then the whole project is doomed!

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Everything needs to be flexible and adaptable as climate change affects our environment in the future.

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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

Notes

This will keep organisations accountable.

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

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Keep the public informed of what their obligations are to assist and how to go about it in realistic goals of change to make it zero emissions by 2050. Please do not publish my street address.