

Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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Clause

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

If the Government can set the target earlier to say even 2040 (still 20+ years), the better. Naturally having it progressively staged is important to give businesses and individuals time to modify their behaviour including purchases in a planned manner.

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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

Overseas credits have proven to be miss leading as we are just offsetting our own emissions to other countries. All countries need to move to net zero emissions not just some. In addition when NZ did previously allow off shore carbon credits, there where scams

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

Position

No

Notes

The only exception would be pulling the target forward in time not pushing it back

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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

No

Notes

It should be planned and signaled to everyone how NZ plans to get to Zero emissions. Being up front allows consumers to plan.

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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

As mentioned above only if the targets can be bought forward (not delayed). If exceptions are allowed then some Governments may choose to use the out clause which in the future will end up cost future generations more to deal with the financial costs of climate change eg sea level rise and the cost to move whole communities

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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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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

Encourage and help accelerated the uptake of EVs Encourage and help accelerate new large and small scale Wind, Hydro and Solar electricity generation (not geothermal as it emits carbon, more than Huntly at the moment)

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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

As long as the Climate Change Commission can act impartially of Governments and not be bought or influenced negatively by large business

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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

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

Position

Yes

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