

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

Carbon emissions can be reduced to a net zero quite realistically. Reducing methane emissions down to a net of zero is more difficult considering the majority comes from our agriculture, and this represents a considerable amount of our GDP. I do however think we can find ways of reducing this, and making up for any methane that leaks into the atmosphere - so I believe net zero emissions is possible and something good to aim for. It also encourages attacking our greenhouse gas emissions on 2 fronts - one being carbon dioxide and the other being methane.

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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

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

Position

No

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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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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?

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To lower carbon our contribution to carbon emissions, planting trees is a good temporary strategy, but doesn't tackle the root of the problem. I think it would be valuable to invest money into finding strategies of either capturing carbon and/or electric vehicle technology.

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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

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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

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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

Climate change is more complex than a lot of people think, and having someone who understands the entire workings of it coordinating what is done about it, is essential.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

As climate change progresses, the way that we approach and the resources we invest into halting it should change. Climate change will also starting having impacts on the functioning of the rest of the country and it will be good to have a bill covering this that aligns with our climate change action.

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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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