

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?

Notes

Zero emissions is an impossible target, a level of reduced emissions is far more realistic. Furthermore the economic cost has not been properly quantified.

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2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?

Notes

This target should not be set at all, yet alone considered

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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?

Notes

It should not be set however if it is it most certainly should include provision to change it

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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

First how the targets (if set) will be met needs to be advised and duly scrutinised

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

Notes

Government should be able to alter any target (if set) at any time and especially any new government that has the mandate from the voters to do so.

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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

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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

There is not enough evidence to support any of the proposed changes. As a minimum, more fact based evidence needs to be provided.

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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?

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There should not be a zero carbon bill, it is an impossible target.

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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

There should as a minimum be a referendum to support this massive change, and such referendum must have a clear majority of support. No bill, no budgets, until there is a clear mandate for the Government to even consider it.

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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

Any advice/monitoring must be done by a wider group to ensure such advice/monitoring is properly done and free from political interference.

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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)?

Notes

The scheme is flawed. They should be advising (if at all) on how to make it more realistic.

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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

No

Notes

The proposed expertise is biased

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

Position

No

Notes

There is no substantive evidence to support any link between zero carbon and climate change. Climate change statistics have been proven to be seriously flawed.

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

No

Notes

Given the flawed information available on climate change, no functions proposed have any basis.

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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

No

Notes

Stop wasting public money on climate change/zero emissions until there is some real, factual, hard evidence to support the changes proposed. Unfortunately this in itself is an unreal target given the political manipulation of evidence to date.

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

Notes

No zero emissions, no climate change legislation without a public referendum to give a clear mandate. The current government does not have such a mandate.