

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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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

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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

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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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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 are significant economic implications of setting in place legislation for plans and budgets. NZ will face: • slower rates of economic growth as a result of higher emissions prices and other transition policies • competitiveness issues in trade-exposed emissions-intensive industries • decline in output and jobs for higher emissions sectors

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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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They should be independent, of no political bias, have science based views from both sides and be pragmatic and objective. They should not be influenced by politicians.

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

Position

No

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We could face: • slower rates of economic growth as a result of higher emissions prices and other transition policies • competitiveness issues in trade-exposed emissions-intensive industries • decline in output and jobs for higher emissions sectors

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

Notes

A Zero Carbon Bill will create a vast bureaucracy: A Climate Change Commission, 'emissions budgets', climate change adaptation plans, and emissions targets. Since livestock are carbon neutral, methane from agriculture should not be included in emissions targets. Without methane, New Zealand would have one of the smallest greenhouse gas emissions profiles in the developed world. In fact, no gases should be included in emissions targets, because just like the Emissions Trading Scheme, the proposed Zero Carbon Bill will create a costly nightmare of red tape and bureaucracy that will waste time and money, drag down the economy, and destroy businesses and jobs - all for no benefit.

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