

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 a target is not mandated in legislation there is no accountability as to enforceable action to achieve it.

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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

A zero emission reduction target should relate to all anthropocentric produced waste and gas emissions. Every Region and every local authority needs to have a emissions profile and a reduction target. Not good enough to say that nationally NZ emission are declining while Auckland City emissions are increasing.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

It's more ethical and globally responsible to not trade away NZ emission reductions using another countries credit reductions. Instead, develop a knowledge base of managing emission reductions within our domestic economy and market and sell that IP overseas.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

yes, in terms of a net reduction of waste/gas emissions. But not where one or some industries (such as Dairy, large industrial manufacturing (pulp/paper, steel, chemical components, mining) are provided perverse incentive to increase gross pollution or emissions.

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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

I am not an atmospheric expert. i intuitively consider that if a target for 2050 is being set that budgets should be set for 2030, 2040, with reviews at 2025, 2035, and 2045. Five does not seem to be significant enough time period to demonstrate definite trends in reducing waste/gas emission. What is the correlation with global target dates for gas emission reductions?

Clause

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

Notes

The reality is that every incoming Government of varying MMP make will seek to review emissions budgets. Any changes should only be in terms of reductions and no individual gas emission increases.

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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

Notes

As above for 6 and 4

Clause

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

considerations should be weighted in term sof more emphasis on first 3 bullets, less emphasis on 3rd, 4th and 5th bullet points.

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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

Yes, plans need to be shown as being able to be implemented and open to scrutiny of NZ public.

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

Setting a budget needs to incorporate all types of emissions, without special favoritism that advantage one industry emitter or area over another.

Clause

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

Climate Change Comission should have advisory function with accountability function similar to Parliamentary Commissioner for Environment and Ombudsman offices.

Clause

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Only in terms of emission reductions. Providing in this legislation a directive for adapting to climate is diluting the effectiveness of emissions reduction targets.

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

Yes

Notes

Agree with function but think that what is set out on pages 47 and 48 should be under separate legislation to emissions reductions.

Clause

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

All public organisations with control over property and control over the degree of risk to the public from that property in terms of climate change must share information on their risk. This should include central government, local government, council controlled organisations, public companies, private companies that offer publicly investment options (crowd funding, or investment by equity funds).

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