

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?

Notes

The government should not be setting greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets in legislation. Although the proposed bill is yet to be drafted it is obvious to all New Zealanders what form it will take. The bill if enacted will be the most damaging legislation to be seen in New Zealand for all of our non military history.

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

Notes

No target should be set.

Clause

3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Notes

New Zealand should have no targets to meet.

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

Notes

The bill must never be passed into legislation.

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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

There should be no emissions budgets implemented.

Clause

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

Notes

Yes. The next government should be able to cancel all planned budgets to minimise the damage this proposed legislation will do to the New Zealand economy and the standard of living , health and welfare of New Zealand citizens. The third budget period will never be reached.

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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

Yes. The next new government should be able to cancel all planned budgets to minimise the damage this proposed legislation will do to the New Zealand economy and the standard of living , health and welfare of New Zealand citizens. The second budget period will never be reached.

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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**Clause**

9. Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets?

Position

No

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

The public of New Zealand must be consulted on all issues relating to this proposed bill. Not just as to whether they support the details of the bill but rather whether they support the bill at all. This submission is inadequate.

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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**Clause**

12. What role do you think the Climate Change Commission should have in relation to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS)?

Notes

None.

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

No

Notes

It is obvious the commissioners will be hand picked for their political views in support of the legislation. There will be no commissioners appointed who do not agree with the legislation because they understand and do not agree with the lack of scientific rigour behind it.

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

Position

No

Notes**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**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

No

Notes**Clause**

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

Notes

The proposed bill is based on the premise that the science is settled and there need be no further scientific discussion to justify it.

That view is not held by many thousands of New Zealanders who have very valid scientific qualifications, who are well educated in atmospheric physics and climate change matters and who have been monitoring the political dialogue on this issue for many years. The minister has included statements on weather events in the introduction to the MfE conversation document regarding historical climate change that are demonstrably incorrect. When questioned he declines to enter into any discussion on these statements. Let me make it very clear, 'The science is not settled'. The economic impact on New Zealanders of this draconian legislation will be immense, potentially destroying the livelihood of New Zealanders living in already damaged areas due to the political ideology of a very small proportion of the population. The government does not have a mandate to force this legislation on the country. It must not be allowed to proceed without a comprehensive explanation of the scientific evidence and economic impact and a binding referendum agreeing to support it. A very large number of New Zealanders will not agree that this bill in any form be introduced to Parliament and submitted for passage into law. The bill must not proceed.