

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

Notes

without a target there is no accountability for achievement

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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

this is a philosophical question needing deep community commitment to an absolute goal, parallel to nuclear free and not some negotiable interpreted meaning

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

understanding the changes in society driving forces which set in place the significant change behind the rapid increase in greenhouse gas and other effects. understanding this will give support to the scope and scale of change needed to create a realistic opportunity of achieving similar changes in the future. This is a social and not a science problem, with a social solution derived from science.

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

Position

No

Notes

Such an approach knee caps any chance of success, as most effort will go into finding reasons to change not means of complying.

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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

Notes

the targets need to be honest and address 60% ,30% and 10% respectively, ie get going and get going bigtime

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

Position

No - emissions budgets should not be able to be changed

Notes

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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

No

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

Notes

commission should be advisory only and the government fully accountable (at the ballot box) for achievements budgets

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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?

Notes

equity throughout society and recognition of fundamental changes in society needed to address level of change required. avoid opportunities for parties to buy or trade out of participation in making change

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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

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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

remove trading scheme as there is inherent conflict with achieving a zero outcome

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

Yes

Notes

the solution is largely social and not technical, and needs expertise in defining and selling the solution. most chance of success is through societal compliance rather than regulatory enforcement

Clause

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

Position

Yes

Notes

also cover causing climate change

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

government should require all public and private bodies to include annual report reference to climate change activities and coordination with other parties

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

require such activity and reporting. ref Q15

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

Notes

making any significant change requires public support with compliance rather than expecting government enforcement.