

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

Notes

Sooner the better!

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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

Set a bold target, and work hard to get it. Methane absolutely should be included!

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

Emissions trading is a joke. One country can pollute more if they buy credits off a country that meets its reduction target? NO! If a country doesn't meet reduction targets there should be no way out! get heavy handed. Even by applying sanctions on them

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

Position

No

Notes

The only change should be to make the target sooner.

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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

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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

Only change should be to target less emissions

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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

Only change should be to target less emissions

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

No

Notes

I don't care about the economy so much. I'd rather us go back to recession times and see more people sleeping in cars etc than miss our target, or make a laughably small reduction target. Social and economic circumstances should be pushed to the limit, and nay sayers told to harden up. I hope to see fuel rise to 5, 6, 7 dollars a litre to force people into buying EVs. and the govt could make it easier on us to buy EVs, eg. by wiping GST, while increasing GST on petrol vehicles Technology should be at the forefront of emission reduction planning. The Govt should subsidise things like solar panels for homes and ban power companies from introducing things like 'solar taxes'. Set requirements for all new home builds to have solar panels by 2030 etc

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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

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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

We need to work with everyone: farmers, industrial sector, public. But in a way that is forceful, so we don't give in and neglect targets. le, work to set up incentives and make solid plans for the future, but at the same time holding to account the weak areas. for example, work with farmers to help build fences to keep cattle away from rivers and build a policy around it. perhaps subsidise the cost of their fencing. but introduce crippling fines for any farmer that doesn't abide.

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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

should have decision making power

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

Makes decisions itself in respect of the number of units available in the NZ ETS

Notes

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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

Yes

Notes

Clause

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

Position

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes

Notes

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

Notes

We need to be heavy handed. People are too selfish to take initiative and help the cause. We'll never make our targets if theres no consequences set out. But while there are consequences, there should also be incentives and rewards to encourage change across all of our emissions sectors. As an example I'd love it if the idea of getting a bank loan to buy a \$20,000 EV was actually a cheaper and more easily achievable long term option than owning a petrol vehicle for New Zealanders. Maybe the govt could work with banks to provide lower interest rate loans for anyone buying an EV? No GST on EVs, while increasing GST on petrol cars to 30%. Working with power companies to provide lower electricity rates for charging EVs at home etc.

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