Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

Reference no: 1987
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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

Clause
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

Clause
3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?
   Position
   Domestic emissions reductions (including from new forest planting) and using some emissions reductions from overseas
   (international carbon units) that have strong environmental safeguards
   Notes

Clause
4. Should the Zero Carbon Bill allow the 2050 target to be revised if circumstances change?
   Position
   No
   Notes

Clause
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

Clause
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

Clause
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

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

Position
Yes

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
It is important to consider all citizens who can also play a part in lowering emissions. If they are educated and realise the importance of having zero net emissions, they will be more willing to work with the government to achieve budgets. Working with farmers will be hard as they offset a lot of methane and CO2 yet make up for a large part of the economy so plans need to be made to transition to better farming or other alternatives so jobs are not lost.

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

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

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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

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

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