

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

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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

While doing this, the emissions budget should be changed, if it kills our industry and forces an industry into a country that is not reducing emissions and would thereby have a worse global effect.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

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

Position

Yes

Notes

If industries such as steel move to countries not under a zero emissions target or not achieving or cheating on their targets then it is better for the climate that they remain here.

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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

Yes - the third emissions budget should be able to be changed but only when the subsequent budget is set

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

Yes

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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

Yes

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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

We need to ensure we do not create a net negative by pushing industries where we have some emissions to countries that have complete disregard for emissions.

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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

Yes

Notes

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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)?

Position

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

Notes

Individuals need to be credited with the good they do for the environment, when they plant trees or leave land fallow. It needs some recognition from councils in the rates. Land left as forest is valuable to society. Individuals need to be able to apply for credits.

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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

The Climate Commission needs to draft legislation relating to penalising companies and individuals, either lying about emissions, misreporting emissions, or creating unmeasured emissions.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Agriculture will not have much time to adapt. We will need our Govt and Research institutions to actively research getting ahead of climate change in terms of moving species and agriculture south.

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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

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

Notes

A just transition means that a monetary system for allocating emissions to the rich based on their ability to pay is unjust. Just as rich cant litter more than a poor person, nor should they be able to emit more as an individual. Therefore rationing systems rather than auction systems should be put in place. Consideration should be given to the fact that it is the rich who have put the existing CO2 up there in the atmosphere. It is clearly unjust that the poor equally pay to remove the CO2, and that the rich do not pay for the damage ALREADY caused. We need to use our trading relationships to penalise or stop trade with countries which are not part of the Paris agreement or are making no progress on reducing emissions.