

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?

Position

The Government sets a 2050 target in legislation now

Notes

This is urgent and action now will save money in the long term. Certainty will enable industry, planners, LGA etc to start. Unfortunately we will have to leave some behind (pg 8 discn paper) because the doubters wont agree with the science, and we cant wait.

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

Position

Net Zero Long-Lived Gases and Stabilised Short-Lived Gases - Long-lived gases to net zero by 2050 while also stabilising short-lived gases

Notes

It would be good if we could separate the fossil methane from biogenic methane for planning reasons, even if its the same in the atmosphere. The SLG should be reduced before they are stabilised, and those that are connected to NO2 will have to come down anyway. Gas extraction is very leaky and this should be remedied too.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

I have no faith that international carbon units are not fake. There are different ways of counting, corruption etc and I dont think it is ethical to pay someone else so we can pollute. Doesnt set a good example.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

But only in really exceptional circumstances, and these would have to be spelt out before hand.

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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

Balance between certainty and flexibility for unforeseen circumstances like change in climate science.

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

Really exceptional like the next big Wellington earthquake. Droughts, floods, forest fires. and sea level rise are all predictable and need to be part of adaptation strategy.

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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

Notes

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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

As soon as possible. It cant be perfect, but we cant wait. Note the gaps and unknowns.

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

DOC or Forest & Bird to give nature a voice. The adverse effect of climate change reduces biodiversity. The budgets need to be spread over a wide range of industries, organisations, Central and Local Govt and seen to be fair and science based.

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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

I hope the cross party suport will mean the future govts wont derail this. There need to be mechanisms to hold the govt to account.

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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

Advising the Government on policy settings 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

Public Health is also important in an increasingly warm environment.

Clause

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

Position

Yes

Notes

This is also urgent as it will raise awareness in th epublic, stop people building in flood and Sea level prone areas, relocate infra structure and get discussion going about the sort of trigger values for managed retreat. Essential to provide nationwide guidelines for LGA.

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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

Good functions, and please some speed to get this going.

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

The advice or legal clarification around LIMs , PIMs is needed . (NOT Crown Law)