

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

Act NOW! Stop procrastinating.

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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

Given our high rates of methane emissions AND high transport emissions per capita, this country needs to reduce all greenhouse gases.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

Stop treating climate change as a business and start acting as if our lives depend on sound long-term solutions. This is OUR problem.

Clause

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

Position

No

Notes

The chances of us over-reacting would appear to be far less than the history of under-reacting.

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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

I just want a realistic budget that will actually effect change for the better.

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

It is high time we got real about long-term planning for our environment ...we've decimated the country since our arrival and it is time to 'make good', before there's nothing left to make good.

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

But only to increase it ...the legislation should be untouchable by future governments.

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

Business should be less a factor than it has historically been -as it's 'business as usual' that has got us into this mess in the first place.

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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

Do something useful NOW! Stop destroying our environment in the name of big business.

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

The people, the land, the future...

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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

We need a body that is above all the petty trade-offs that businesses and politicians have made to slow down any progress towards making the necessary changes to actually halt emissions.

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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

We shouldn't have a trading scheme ...it's too late for all that rubbish.

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

Just base it on real, peer-reviewed, properly researched science.

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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

I doubt that it goes far enough ...increased risk of major weather events, rising sea levels, fluctuating temperatures and the effects all of this, and more, will have on our ability to survive. Personally, I still want to see this country and my children (and future generations) thriving, not merely surviving.

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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?

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Re-Plant forests (native, not introduced species), do more to save what little we've got left after nearly two centuries of decimating this country. Stop destroying our waterways and natural environments for big business and start REALLY thinking about the future!!! I do not wish my name to be published or my comments be posted on any websites, as I am not a climate-change expert and these are my (reasonably informed but not expert) opinions.

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