

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

We have to take climate change really seriously - this is our only chance to make the changes we need to avoid even more suffering - I know how traumatic it is - my house was condemned in 2011- it was truly horrendous.

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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

We have to take climate change seriously. My house was condemned in 2011 due to "unprecedented floods" ie a euphemism for climate change. As a GP we had so many people in the Riwaka + Mapua area really struggling from effects of climate change.

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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

only if the climate issues gets worse then we need to accelerate this process..

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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

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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

Notes

yes but only under exceptional circumstances. We need to set down clearly what we as a country intend to do and not allow any future government to change these proposals for political gain.

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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**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

Not only do we need to reach targets but we also need to look after people affected by climate change. When my house was condemned in 2011 I got not support at all.....I was shocked and distressed. AS a GP I have seen people after the latest floods - many in shock and very distressed. There needs to be funding set aside to help people and councils dealing with effects of climate change.

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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**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

Advising the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS

Notes**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

I would like to see the climate change commission being made up of : scientists, academics and activists - It is important that NO climate change deniers are allowed on the commission so thwarting their progress.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

We actually don't know how fast climate change it going to happenand so we need to be mindful of this and adapt and speed up the process if need be.

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

Notes

I want to see real change - not just lip service.....this requires adequate funding and priority. Central government must help local councils with funding. I would also like to see central government putting funding and tax cuts to individual householders who instal solar and who switch to EVs.....this has to be supported by central government....please

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