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 or earlier. Situation is urgent and existential threat to our countries ability to earn from our landbase.

Clause 2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?
Position Net Zero Carbon Dioxide - Reducing net carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050
Notes methane is short lived and will reduce in shift to biologically soil based agriculture and away from chemical farming.

Clause 3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?
Position Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)
Notes not helpful to use any overseas credits. Its our problem and our benefit to solve it.

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

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 only to shorten. Once we get going it will become apparent we can achieve it in a much shorter time frame, Procrastination will come with enormous additional burdens and costs

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 only to shorten time and intensify effort as above
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 main emphasis is that it is urgent and the measures are comprehensive, monitored effective and include all sectors.

Clause 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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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 All sectors. Priority is to shift transport and phase out ICE engines, electrify, cycle ways and public transport. Regional council requirement for cycling protected pathways and e bike lanes. Agriculture must be included with shift to biologically based farming practice to capture benefits on scientifically validated improved nutritional content in food, improved environmental outcomes, soil conservation and optimising soil carbon levels in soils mostly for production benefit but also carbon sequestration. This approach also drives up the value of our agricultural production. We can only produce enough food for 30 million or so people, why are we not selling to the top table?

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 Advising the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS
Notes strong influence on policy and clear communication of the science and benefits.

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 higher sea levels, increased and intense rainfall, increased range of pests/disease, increased summer droughts, water stress, uninsurable property damage are all already here and increasing.

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
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