

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

I'd like to see gross 0 emissions! Set ambitious targets. Loads of trees are good, but not enough.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

Don't waste NZ money to buy foreign credits, that won't help achieve our target, just allows to pollute more.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Making it even tighter.

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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

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

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

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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

Fossil fuel industry must not have a say.

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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

Makes decisions itself in respect of the number of units available 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

Must not have conflict of interest.

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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**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'd like to see a few things: 1. Coal fire plants shutdown as of now (both power and other uses). Including Huntly, including Fonterra milk drying plants! 2. Wood fire heating systems removed. No new should be sold. (winter emissions are caused by those) 3. Coal burner heating systems removed. 4. Our current buses by no means reduce emissions. They are both extremely dirty both inside the bus (you can smell the gases inside) and outside. Can't see how they are better than me riding in a self driving electric car (which is probably done deal in 1-2 years). 5. I sincerely think that leading the way will do good for the planet and for our economy, the technology solutions we are going to create is going to create far better GDP growth than predicted. 6. Regarding electricity markets make a very simple change like Germany did: renewable energy takes priority. Renewable excludes bio energy, which has harmful emissions. Consider that only solar and wind are 0 emission. Both geothermal and hydro are NOT 0 emission, there is no direct emissions, though secondary emissions from biological processes (eg. bio build up in front of dams) need to be considered. Feel free to contact me for pointers, but you'll find this in the scientific literature. 7. Take examples from Germany, they are leading the way of transformation. 8. Develop an increased market incentive to promote electric cars.

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