

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 goal to reach net zero emissions by the second half of the century and the Climate Change Commission advises on the specific target for the Government to set later

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This will allow for a better review of public and scientific opinion to be considered, including the option abandon the target.

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

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Set an intent to reduce it, but not by a specific amount

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

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Pragmatic application that does not sacrifice our economy or reduce productivity

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Given that the Paris Accord is collapsing and largely non-binding, and that the largest emitters such as China and India are forging ahead with emissions that overwhelm any reductions we make, we should not commit so far out

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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

No

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6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (i.e. furthest into the future)?

Position

Yes - each incoming Government should have the option to review the third budget in the sequence

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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

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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

No

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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

No

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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

We should be cognisant of the rapidly fragmenting global agreements to commit, the inability of other countries to achieve their targets, and the lack of consequences of not complying with Paris accord or other such targets. We should consider the steadily increasing number of scientific publications which cast huge doubt on the theory of AGW.

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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

No

Notes

Needs to include experts from the sceptical science sector, there are many highly qualified individuals both in NZ and globally.

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

Position

No

Notes

What climate change?

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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

No

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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

No

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

Notes

Do not sacrifice our national economy for the virtue-signalling changes proposed. There is too much doubt about the relationship of CO2 to 'climate change', NZ's total emissions are so small as not to make any difference to the global emissions budget, and our own emissions do not effect our own climate as they blow away. If we really want to have a nuclear moment, perhaps we should consider admitting that CO2 is not pollution, and has such a tiny effect on climate that we should just accept the cost of adjusting and adapting as a cheaper and better return on our investment.

Supporting documents from your Submission

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