

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

Notes

Climate Change Commission to include substantial representation of business & industry stakeholders, given the share of employment these sectors make up. Also a voluntary scheme to achieve the goals, rather than target. Evidence is that the US, on a 'goal based system' is already seeing carbon levels dropping faster than projected.

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

Notes

Prefer no target as this will add significant costs to business & industry, and thereby the rest of the country. Jeopardises NZ ability to be competitive from a productivity rate as well as cost efficiencies, both of which NZ cannot influence globally.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Notes

Voluntary basis by using goals

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

Position

Yes

Notes

If the NZ productivity and economic activity slows down to the point whereby employment suffers.

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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?

Notes

Yes to tree planting. No to the Commission

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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

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

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

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

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

Agriculture, business & industry regarding competitiveness and employment.

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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

No

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)?

Notes

Do not believe that there should be a Commission set up.

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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**Clause**

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

Position

No

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

No

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

No

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

Notes

I am concerned that NZ will become unaffordable for New Zealanders as energy, transport, and other sectors will see costs go up. Then employment will suffer due to the manufacturing and production areas of our economy, especially agriculture, will see their costs go up as well. Retail is not a economic activity that signals the health of the economy. Hoping and suggesting that technology innovation will compensate for other emissions heavy sectors cost increases is difficult to see for NZ. Rather let market forces determine that outcome.