

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

This is way too slow the situation is urgent

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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

This needs to include dairy which needs to be replaced with carbon sequestering industries like industrial hemp for building materials and as a possible replacement for plastic. Dairy farmers need to be helped to make this transition.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

We should not try to buy our way out of our obligations. As well as planting trees we should stop poisoning wilding pines and use them, maybe for biofuel. We should immediately replant in native trees which once grew in the same places

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Only in the direction of more action sooner

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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

Although I think these are not ambitious enough.

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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

only in the direction of doing more. Not less.

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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

Same 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

No

Notes

I think we give too much consideration to financial position. If we are to leave a habitable world for our children we have to make sacrifices now

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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

Plans need to be specific or they will only be hot air

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

We need to change the culture away from consumerism towards a more sustainable and less driven lifestyle. Allow and encourage more alternative living arrangements such as tiny house villages on Government owned land.

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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

Otherwise governments can ignore the experts to further their own aims

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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

Yes

Notes

Clause

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

Position

Yes

Notes

It will need to as it's definitely going to happen

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

Notes

Sharing of information is essential to avoid mistakes

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

Notes

Just to reiterate that our priorities need to change away from selfish consumerism and "jobs now" towards more life affirming ones, caring for each other and looking after the environment for our children and grandchildren. To this end a universal basic income would help to achieve equality and free people to do the environmental work that will need to be done.