

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

We need expedient action now, to give certainty and start doing real work to reduce our emissions.

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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

The urgency and gravity of the problem ask for decisive and comprehensive action and targets. we are already late, so we need to start acting on all emissions, including agricultural.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

we have no control on international future standards and decisions, so we should use just NZ planting.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

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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

No

Notes

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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

Yes

Notes

But giving priority to scientific knowledge over all other considerations.

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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

First we need to talk with the scientific community as they are the experts who know about it, not politicians or other pressure groups. Second we have to focus on long term goals, not on electoral ones.

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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

The problem is too serious to leave it to political changes. The Climate Change commission should be decision making.

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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

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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

In general, but I feel there is a lack of scientific representation in the commission. (climate change policy is not the same as scientific expertise)

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

Position

Yes

Notes

We are in adaptation phase already, so it's absolutely necessary.

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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

Yes

Notes

If they are effective and don't become bureaucratic slowing traps

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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

Yes

Notes

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

Notes

As a member of the Climate Reality Leadership Corps, we demand decisive action on climate change, we have seen too much talk, analysis and too little action. Is time for a government that governs with long term goals in mind, leaving politics apart and understand the responsibility they have with the citizens of New Zealand and the world community.