

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

A flexible goal into the second half of the century will mean nothing happens for years. I would want the goal to be moved forward. The evidence keeps suggesting that the scientists are being conservative in their time frames.

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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

Separating out some parts of the community for special treatment when they are powerful and appear to ruin the country is a mistake! Our short term goals may need to be lessened not stabilized!

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

We need to take responsibility for our emissions. and not buy our way out. We should be selling the carbon units with our advantages!

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

Position

Yes

Notes

But only brought forward...not able to move it later.

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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

Won't this mean that a government in power can influence voting by promising to change the budget? It politicizes the process which should be avoided.

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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

Again, this politizes the budgets. It means the government can use it to influence voting as we have 3 year terms.

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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

I would strongly support a carbon tax...where people who create carbon pay the true cost. Financial indicators are very important.

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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

Otherwise it will be postponed into the never-never.... the Government must be protected from unpopular decisions.

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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

Maori, City Councils, conservation groups. independent scientists ,

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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

We know that regulations that are not monitored are ignored. It is essential that the goals are monitored and made public. Maybe some consequences if not achieved.

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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

I do not trust governments to put in place measures that might impact on powerful groups in the community like the agricultural sector, or the general population.

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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

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

Position

No

Notes

I think it makes the bill to cumbersome. If this needs to be legislated, it should be separate and be more inclusive of councils etc.

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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

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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

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

Notes

I am very concerned that anything put in legislation will be too compromised to be effective. Yes it is important to have an all party agreement, but not at the expense of making a difference.