

Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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

Position

Net Zero Carbon Dioxide - Reducing net carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050

Notes

If we got on with the job it could happen a lot quicker than envisaged

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

forests should be species diverse as in our native forest. Agriculture can play a significant role by implementing regenerative and or biological farming systems. I can more than double carbon uptake in as little as twenty four hours and long term improvements can be made on that.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Yes it could happen a lot quicker than that if we got on with the job on all fronts instead of just talking about it. Unbelievably significant changes can be made within a decade of adoption.

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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

It is great to keep everyone informed all the time.

Clause

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

There is always room for improvement.

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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

so long as it is an improvement, definitely no backsliding!!!

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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

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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

These time frames may need to be adjusted as things may well progress faster than expected at present.

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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

getting accurate information and looking outside the currently accepted circle of experts.

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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

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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)?

Notes

We should not be trading emissions rather focus on reducing and increasing the uptake of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by the best method possible with the view of doubling soil carbon with the next decade. that is over and above carbon stored in trees. It only takes an unfortunate fire and all that carbon is returned to the atmosphere.

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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

It does not contain the expertise for returning carbon to the soil at the greatest possible rate. In New Zealand this is VITAL!!!

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Yes we need to learn to live and work differently. Judging by the wild fires in Western U. S. A. we will have warmer water round us for a few years yet which will change our weather patterns, especially in summer

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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

Notes

Information sharing is important to public buy in

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

Notes

Please do not plant more Pinus Radiata!! we have far to many already. We need trees that make quality timber not sap wood that is dependent of chemicals for durability. Farms can have up to one third of the area planted in trees and grow more grass. We need a much more integrated landscape according to the capabilities of the land