

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

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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 problem has been avoided too long and the risks are now too great - we need to go for the boldest possible action as soon as possible, and invest in research and development to find new ways of living and working.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

Moving the problem around the planet won't help - we all share the same atmosphere. Let's do whatever we can do here.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

It should be allowed to be made bolder if change accelerates faster than expected. It shouldn't be allowed to be softened up - these changes are needed for the world ongoing anyway.

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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

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6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (i.e. furthest into the future)?

Position

Yes - the third emissions budget should be able to be changed but only when the subsequent budget is set

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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

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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

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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

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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

We need to consider poverty and lifestyle. We'll need to push hard for investment into new technology/building and insulation rules/public transport and especially ways of farming (permaculture, reforestation, no-till agriculture etc) to offset the negative affects of reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and traditional farming/dairying. Insulating homes and introducing passive house techniques will be important. Could the KiwiBuild scheme have a role to play here?

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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)?

Position

Makes decisions itself in respect of the number of units available in the NZ ETS

Notes

As long as the commission doesn't end up stacked with business interests or lobbyists.

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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

Please make those advising on economics have a broader range of ideas than the usual neoliberal economists. I would love to see NZ take a world leadership position on introducing a new form of economic thought that takes into account care work and the environment, such as doughnut economics.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

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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

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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

For the first time in a long time, I'm hopeful for my children's future. We have a unique opportunity as a small island nation to be real leaders here - I hope we take it boldly and change the world in all of our favour.

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