

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 goal to reach net zero emissions by the second half of the century and the Climate Change Commission advises on the specific target for the Government to set later

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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

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

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

Position

Yes

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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

No

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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

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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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9. Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets?

Position

No

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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?

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Real science, not the eco science that is touted by the press and IPCC. Also, what the rest of the world is doing. There is no point in exempting payment from the most populous countries. Spend money earmarked for the Climate Paris Accord on developing a method to incinerate plastic cleanly, and generating power as a by-product. That is the most pressing problem the world faces.

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

Notes

The alleged detrimental effect of CO₂ has been misunderstood. Over the past 30 years, an area the size of a continent has greened (just think of the additional oxygen that has been generated from photosynthesis). No account is taken of that for farmers in NZ, who grow grass to feed their stock. It is a closed cycle as stock emissions are offset by sequestered CO₂.