

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

Hopefully this target can be reached sooner than 2050

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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

BUT it is essential to differentiate long lived and short lived gases (a two basket approach) in policies. Short lived gases can be brought down rapidly at the start which benefits us in the interim years to 2050 .

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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 and manage our own reductions , initially with the short lived gases.

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

Position

No

Notes

no but can be if revised down ., changes as a result of revised international agreements backed by science (IPCC)

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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

but allow for sooner to improve plans in response to new research findings to avoid better alternatives to b dismissed for up to 5 years .

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

if motivated by science not politically or economically motivated /pushed by lobby groups. The Commission would need to fully support the change

Clause

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

Climate change is the most exceptional circumstance to warrant continuing on this path no matter what.

Clause

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

yes but only on "how to" achieve the target and budgets , not changing the target and budgets .

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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

most definitely, Time frame a maximum of 3 months to set out a plan .

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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

Well being of the people of NZ .

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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

I don't have enough confidence that all future governments will follow advice from the commission. We have seen many examples where advice eg from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment has not been followed . I can see a balance where some recommendations can have an advisory status while others won't in which case the commission decides. The commission needs to be adequately resourced including budgets to carry out the work ,access to MfE resources , ability to initiate their own research or commission peer review . The Bill needs to require that the government makes these resources available .

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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

Advising the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS

Notes**Clause**

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

plus impacts on health

Clause

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

Position

Yes

Notes

The Bill and subsequent implementation plans should provide clear direction for local councils .

Clause

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**Clause**

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