

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

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This might not be enough. We should instead strive to have a carbon/all greenhouse gases-negative goal.

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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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A particular emphasis should be on the role of the soil managed according to organic and holistic principals as a carbon sink.

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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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Especially if Zero-Carbon is not enough and the concept of a negative carbon economy is gaining world-wide traction.

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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 - each incoming Government should have the option to review the third budget in the sequence

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with the caveat that the budget could not be able to be reduced.

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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?

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Govt should work with (among other sectors) the primary industries but not to the level that they dictate what the targets are. Ideally consensus should be reached about the way forward.

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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

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

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?

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As mentioned earlier, I think it's important that the goal posts might have to be moved towards a carbon negative economy. This can be achieved with including some form of support for organic and holistic soil management/agriculture and horticulture - imaginable is a reward and penalty system for carbon negative or positive farming/forestry methods. Organic certification providers could be roped in for this process combined with random soil testing and/or other methods (needs researching).