

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

The sooner the better. We need to be forced, or else it is not going to happen, as we have seen time and time before.

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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

Or sooner / earlier

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

I don't trust overseas carbon units, that you cannot control yourself. By all means, do them as well, but don't count them for your own achievement.

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

Position

No

Notes

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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

Notes

yearly budgets. 5-yr budgets give reason to push achievement to later in the 5 years, which might then fail to happen.

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

Position

No - emissions budgets should not be able to be changed

Notes

New governments may be less committed to this cause and scrap the good plans. Not acceptable.

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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

No

Notes

No, as a principle. In reality, if the circumstances make achievement impossible, they will change it anyway. But it should be made near impossible.

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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**Clause**

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

Position

Yes

Notes**Clause**

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

Action asap, not so much hui, more-do-ie

Clause

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**Clause**

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

It is not of this time anymore that Economic and financial bodies have decision making powers, over the government, but the CCC itself advises that it would only be advisory. This is the biggest issue facing us, since WW2, and you propose to keep it advisory. Not good enough.

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**Clause**

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

Position

No

Notes

Separate document / commission / platform. Too many issues lead to too much talk and no action.

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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

Notes

cannot find any functions on page 47

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

sure, why not.

Clause

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

Notes

2 issues. Action should be taken now. Not plan-plan- and plan a bit more. Of course, do both, plan well, but do stuff now. The extra taxes on fuel are a good idea. I would also like to see, really soon, buy-back subsidies or other stimuli for households and industry feeding electricity into the net. Secondly: i consider myself green, but weak of resolve. I want to make green choices, but often don't because 'my neighbours' (in a wide sense) do not. Point to make: I want to be forced to act green. That is why I voted for this coalition government to come about. Thank you for your ear.