

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 Long-Lived Gases and Stabilised Short-Lived Gases - Long-lived gases to net zero by 2050 while also stabilising short-lived gases

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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

Notes

The Bill needs to be transparent including annual reporting which is also accessible to our pacific neighbours.

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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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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 must take responsibility for our global emissions and the climate impacts that we have contributed to. It's very important that all New Zealanders have their say on how we make the shift to a zero carbon future here in New Zealand but we must also help the world's most vulnerable communities across the Pacific adjust to the impacts on climate change.

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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

We must ensure that the Zero Carbon Bill is transparent. This means the bill must include a requirement to produce annual reports about New Zealand's international climate change contributions in order to ensure that the Pacific countries get the support they need and can plan to adapt to their changing environment.

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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

Notes

.Transparency in the Bill will promote public engagement and political accountability. New Zealanders will be able to understand the international contributions we are making and as a nation, we will be able to stand tall that we are supporting our Pacific neighbours adapt to their climate change reality.

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

Position

No

Notes**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

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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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It is time for New Zealand to lead again. We have a history of global leadership: we were the first country to give women the vote and the first to become nuclear free. It is time to take another giant step towards climate justice globally. New Zealand has demonstrated global leadership with our commitment to stopping oil and gas exploration - now let us continue that moral leadership and include transparency in what and how we support climate change efforts abroad.