

Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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Clause

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

Our target should be ambitious in order to safeguard Aotearoa for future generations. It needs to be zero emissions and it needs to be set in law, protected from government change/from term to term. Anything less is a failure to act.

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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

I believe the target should actually be more ambitious than this in terms of time: 2040. Other countries are leading the way, many with equally small populations. If we invest in our future and green economies, jobs will flow from those and our country will be stronger and healthier.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

Clause

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

Position

Yes

Notes

But only to reduce the amount of time allowed to take this. A get out clause has the potential for future governments to neglect their duty and let Aotearoa 'tread water' while all the time the waters are rising and we're drowning, not waving.

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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

However, I believe this period should be extended to cover the whole of the period to the target of 2050.

Clause

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

However, the budget should be able to be increased by governments who want to further progress or as technology allows through new developments. The budget should never be allowed to be decreased. There should also be a minimum amount set in the budget so governments cannot aim for the lowest possible allocation.

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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

However, the budget should be able to be increased by governments who want to further progress or as technology allows through new developments. The budget should never be allowed to be decreased. There should also be a minimum amount set in the budget so governments cannot aim for the lowest possible allocation.

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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**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

Ensuring that our government works with treaty partners and iwi, local communities, partner with green businesses and green industries. Making sure all industry is incentivised to adapt sustainable practices. Our zero carbon bill needs to be linked to and balanced with every aspect of our lives .

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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**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**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

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