

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 goal to reach net zero emissions by the second half of the century and the Climate Change Commission advises on the specific target for the Government to set later

Notes

Much more consultation within the NZ public is required before a target set in legislation

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2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?

Position

Net Zero Carbon Dioxide - Reducing net carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050

Notes

On-going research into reducing methane gas from grazing animals is already producing results and will do more in future.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions (including from new forest planting) and using some emissions reductions from overseas (international carbon units) that have strong environmental safeguards

Notes

More thought, investigation into options and research required before all reductions are domestic based.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Circumstances always change and we need to be flexible.

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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

Answered "no" because no starting dates suggested and too much work is required yet.

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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

Notes

Research, new technology and individual behaviours are changing all the time and NZ needs to be flexible in its planning and implementation.

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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

Notes

Flexibility should always be key.

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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

No

Notes

the answer is no because there is no indication of the timeframes in mind. A guideline would mean the submitter was better informed.

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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

The people whose lives are involved when decisions are made for big change in the way people make their living and the way NZ earns its export dollars. Organisations such as Federated Farmers which is made up of exactly the people who earn their living and, largely, the living of NZ, It is not made up of office workers or policy makers far removed from the real world of farming. Individual choice should be held paramount as well. So much good and successful social change comes about when it comes from the people themselves and not from some directive from local or national government.

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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

No

Notes

A wider range of expertise is needed. More representation of the farming and transport industries for instance. Our Primary Industries are so important to NZ's export earnings and our standard of living and the transport industry is integral to moving produce.

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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

No

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

No

Notes

I think sharing of information will happen naturally anyway as things change without the need for more legislation or directives.