

Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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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

Methane should be treated exactly the same as CO₂, a flow gas. There is a huge difference between greenhouse gasses coming from a new source ie fossil fuels and those coming from biological process which naturally cycle, this needs to be acknowledged.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Clause

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

There must be flexibility incorporated so that changes in understanding can be included.

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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

Clause

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

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

I would like to see flexibility as a priority, for example if science changes it need to be able to be quickly incorporated, too often laws that seemed good become distortionary in an unexpected way

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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

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

There should be agricultural scientists included. If the government believes agriculture produces 49% of greenhouse gasses there must be liaison with the scientists.

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

Position

No

Notes

Separate it out otherwise it will become unwieldy

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

Set it up separately, not under a law

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

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

Notes

My main submission is about the contradiction in recognising CO2 as a flow gas (being incorporated by plants then respired by animals), and the lack of recognition that methane which while a different cycle is effectively the same idea. If carbon dioxide is zero then methane is 25 times zero, that is the maths of it.