

Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

Suzanne Torkington

Reference no: 10062

Submitter Type: Individual

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

Clause

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

Clause

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

No

Notes

We have only one chance to get this right, allowing alterations will give those with the greatest power a chance to advance greedy causes at a negative cost to the rest of humanity

Clause

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

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

Clause

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

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

At all times Iwi must be involved with any consultation process. Industries that benefit financially from the use of environmentally damaging products should not be given any power to override any decisions

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

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

The proposed expertise must include any new credible information/research/discoveries that may arise.

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

It is essential that all organisations and businesses within New Zealand share information regarding climate change risks in their production methods, ingredients/materials, especially raw products and particularly on disposal methods. e.g. should the packaging they use be environmentally damaging to dispose of.

Clause

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

Notes

New Zealand needs to put climate change at the top of it's priorities. It is the most important issue because it effects not just the future our this wonderful country, but the survival of humanity and the animal kingdom. Humanity made the decision to be the caretakers of this planet, we now must take that responsibility seriously and ensure we do our best to repair the damage our greed and laziness has created. Our children and their children must have a future worth looking forward to, as should all living species on this planet. New Zealand once lead in such matters, it is time for use to regain the position as an ethical nation.