

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 Emissions - Net zero emissions across all greenhouse gases by 2050

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

Post WWII growth of industrial agriculture promoted increased consumption of agricultural products of meat and dairy. Worldwide this has created the crisis of the Anthropocene. This can be reduced by the same process that lead to this crisis. -Highly proactive public relations and education strongly promoting significant dietary reductions in meat and dairy. -Mediated via a). print media, b). radio, c). TV, d). websites e). incorporation into all levels of education strategies to reduce methane & CO2 emissions that include dietary. -This to be funded by government agencies . A reduction in consumer demand would necessarily lead to a reduction on supply, thus making a significant reduction in global warming gases. -Provide subsidised loans to agricultural enterprises that desire to switch from agriculture to horticulture.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Contingencies should be incorporated into legislation that allow more drastic provisions to reduce CO2 and Methane if global warming becomes increasingly severe at significantly higher rates than predicted.

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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 - each incoming Government should have the option to review the third budget in the sequence

Notes

but no reductions in targets, only to increase targets relative to rate of increase in global warming.

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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

Exceptional circumstances being rapid increases in global warming. Not because of economic downturn in agriculture profitability.

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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

The time frame needs to be reduced from 2050 to 2025.

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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?

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1. Sea level rise effecting both urban and rural land use. 2. Effect on marine life. 3. Effect of increased storms on infrastructure. 4. Effects on insurability of coastal properties. 5. Effects of increased demand on health services as a consequence of higher average temperatures. 6. Provisions for 'climate refuges' 7. Promotion of increased horticulture for purposes of food supplies to other nations experiencing food shortages that are a consequence of global warming.

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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

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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

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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

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

Position

Yes

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

Notes

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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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Specific additional scholarships should be available to emerging researchers doing research into mitigating the effects of global warming.