

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 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

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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

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

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

Position

Yes

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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

this time frame is too short to allow businesses to adapt. with the role over of a new budget will require up graded infrastructure at significant cost.

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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

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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

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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

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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

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but the process can not be rushed and due diligence must e considered including feasibility

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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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Agriculture needs to be involved at every step. Real farmers need to be consulted with. Especially as much of this legislation affects them personally.

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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

BUT, there should be more farmer representation. If nearly half of our emissions are from Ag an over half of our GDP is from Agriculture, then at least half of your commission should be from the agricultural sector.

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12. What role do you think the Climate Change Commission should have in relation to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS)?

Position

Advising the Government on policy settings 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

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BUT real coal face agriculture is under represented

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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

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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?

Notes

the fact that NZs pastoral farming system is included in this and other countries do not include their agricultural sectors is of note. Especially as many other countries subsidise agriculture and we do not. There for if included, the carbon that is sequestered from all plant species including grass and shelter belts needs to be taken into account. Use our research here as it applies here, not overseas research that applies to intensive housed situations.