

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 2050 target in legislation now

Notes

This is set as a target that cannot be changed if future government parties change.

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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

Notes

This has to include Methane emissions from agricultural in the ETS

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

No trading of international carbon units as this takes away the responsibility of NZ to do their own work in the country. As an independent country that emits around 0.15 of carbon, we need to make a difference, not trade our way out of it.

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

Position

No

Notes

If we improve sooner than 2050, reduce the target year to 2040 or sooner.

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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

Notes

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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

It is crucial to put in place the budgets that ensure we meet the targets set up now and these cannot be changed, regardless on the governments of the future. This is to ensure protection of the environments and future generations.

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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

No

Notes

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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

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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**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

1) Dairy farmers to reduce their practices as they should be part of the Emission Trading Scheme reduction targets. The inclusion of methane and nitrous oxide are important contributors to the carbon emissions in NZ. The government has to provide a fair and just transition to these farmers. 2) Private companies that need to be committed to reducing their emissions as this will be our international market advantage in the future, which can be realised with benefits in monetary terms and in terms of greenwashing. 3) Urban planners, regional, central government to provide efficient public transport, efficient social housing and green space for example to provide good well being to mitigate climate change in NZ in urban areas.

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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

They must have a mandate to ensure the appropriate regulations are put in place to reach the targets.

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

Advising the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS

Notes

I think the CCC should have both advising the government on policy setting and be part of the decision making process in the number of units available which must include Agriculture.

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

Yes

Notes

Possibly more neutral industry (or ex-) people who have are committed to meeting the targets as they can relate to industries/business

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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

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

Crucial to obtain the necessary information to track changes and make stronger policies if targets are not being met.

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