

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

Notes

There is no way you can omit the methane emissions from Agriculture from the scheme - it would totally discredit the bill

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

we should be brave and go for it

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

Position

Yes

Notes

In exceptional emergency situations such as new scientific information - but not to be allowed to change or water down as a response to economic changes.

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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

However new Governments could alter or amend the plans to achieve the budgets

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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

Yes for example an extreme natural disaster

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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

Notes

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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

A weakness of the UK Climate Change Act, on which the Zero Carbon Act is based, is that the UK Act does not set clear timeframes for the government to make policy plans to meet future emission budgets (which are set 10-15 years in advance). Carbon Reduction Group supports the Zero Carbon Act having a strict time frame for setting out policy plans. This should be either 6 or 12 months after a budget has been set.

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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?

Notes

Not to be bullied by those with commercially vested interests in being able to continue to pollute and treat the environment as a free input/output. Please stand firm to Agriculture and Coal

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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

No

Notes

On balance no, I want the commission to have teeth and be able to stand up to potential future Governments who may not be on board for carbon reduction, but the flip side is then potentially having unelected people making decisions.

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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

Notes

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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

No

Notes

After much thought, on balance NO. I want the bill to concentrate on reduction to zero emissions full stop - and not get side tracked. I think Regional Councils enacting climate change adaptation plans, as they already are, is the right place for that, however I am not against reference being made in the bill to Regional and District council adaptation plans - or links being made as it would be natural and efficient for joint discussions to be made - but no - let the zero carbon bill do exactly what it says on the tin.

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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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