

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?

Notes

There should be positive encouragement to reduce emissions but no firm targets.

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2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?

Notes

Net Zero Long or Short lived is technically impossible. So the target should not be Net Zero.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

It should be revised from day one.

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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

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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

Yes. Circumstances change and we need to be able to adapt.

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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

It should not require exceptional circumstances.

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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

No

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

No

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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

There should be no economic hardship as a result of changes.

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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

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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)?

Notes

NZ ETS should be scrapped.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

We need more resilience anyway.

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

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

Notes

The science that has gone into this is shonky at best. 1) The range of climate sensitivity is between 1-4 degrees. At 1 degree it justifies no action - yet we are casting this in stone with these 2050 targets. 2) Pasture dairy farms are net CO2 sinks yet they are punished because they are methane emitters. Methane only 1.25x worse than CO2 over a long time period. Farming needs to be excluded. 3) Unless someone magically creates electric aircraft and electric ships, and electric steel manufacture there is no way that we can achieve Net Zero CO2. You simply can't fix enough CO2 to offset this!

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