

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

Notes

Ideally, it should happen sooner than 2050 if scientific research and planned, strategic implementation is started and phased in in stages.

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

Position

Net Zero Long-Lived Gases and Stabilised Short-Lived Gases - Long-lived gases to net zero by 2050 while also stabilising short-lived gases

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

AS KIWIS, we all have to take responsibility to stand on our own merits and not 'borrow' from others. A longer term environmental vision that has home-based solutions is the only way forward. Share best practices across all sectors - podcasts - everyone has to get on board with this and do it in an informed way.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Yes...especially if the ongoing monitoring of data is revealing issues not yet envisioned...and targets need to be tightened/raised to meet realistic needs.

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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

The emissions budget needs to be monitored by an independent commission in consultation with the govt...but the goals and vision needs to be kept out of any particular political party's agenda.

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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

Only if backed up by veritable research by a partisan group with no vested self-interest.

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

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

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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

Build consultation capacity from experts from a wide range of expertise - fiscal - economic - scientific - conservationists - academics in specific fields - farming sector - forestry- offshore experts who have already been involved in a similar process - all finding cost-effective but robust ways of moving forward. Money also needs to be set aside to encourage robust innovative practices - especially in the farming/agriculture sectors.

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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

Definitely - an independent group with no underlying vested interest. It needs to be given 'teeth' to follow through with achieving visionary but attainable goals.

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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

Makes decisions itself in respect of the number of units available in the NZ ETS

Notes

To spend so much money on setting up an independent body of experts, and not give them 'authority' to act on decisions, is a 'waste' of tax payers' money.

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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

See response to question 12.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

We are still learning about the projected effects of climate change on our waterways - coastal shores etc - la nina - el nino. The Bill has to take this into consideration as it sets and revises targets.

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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

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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

Notes

As long as this is carried out as a cooperative not competitive model and good practice is shared - supported etc

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

Notes

Share good news stories about good practices with the public (e.g. website with podcasts)- provide incentives to encourage ever-friendly practices (e.g. 1970s?? - govt subsidised grant to install solar panel etc) . 90% of New Zealanders live within 50kms of a coastline. With rising sea-levels - more frequent flooding and cyclones- more intense storm surges - no one can be complacent any more. Be brave in your thinking and your approach to change for the better.

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