

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

Notes

My preference is that 2040 is set as the latest target date.

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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

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

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

Position

No

Notes

Exceptional circumstances only - changes must be agreed in partnership with Tangata Whenua.

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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

Yes - the third emissions budget should be able to be changed but only when the subsequent budget is set

Notes

The budget must be set independently of government.

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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

Notes

Yes, with more emphasis on agreement with Tangata Whenua and recognition of hardship which results in simultaneously opening up social support either via MSD or community based options. Regardless the state remains responsible for the welfare of both people and the environment.

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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

That plan should be codesigned with Tangata Whenua and provide for greater local powers to enforce and educate.

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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

Grass roots communities, those organisations already working for the environment and people. Must work with Tangata whenua as Kaitiaki. People on low incomes as they will likely bear the brunt of economic change. Unions as partners in designing and implementing just transitions for workforces.

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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

The climate change commission must have authority to effect decisions (based on science), monitor and fund innovations and regional progress.

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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

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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

Must include partnership with Tangata Whenua.

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

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

Notes

All publicly listed and state owned companies must be required to report and be accountable in a meaningful way. Local government should be responsible for monitoring, reporting and working with local communities while reporting to commission.