

Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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

Position

Yes

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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

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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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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)?

Position

Advising the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS

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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

No

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

Position

No

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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

No

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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

No

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

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This submission is to note my total opposition to the Zero Carbon Bill and the concepts it contains. I submit that: 1. The Zero Carbon Bill is a total nonsense driven by a radical uninformed agenda that has the potential to bring our Nation to its' knees. 2. Economic forecasts point out that the economy will be radically worse off and up to a quarter smaller. 3. The forecasts show that the burden will fall disproportionately on lower income households which is not tenable. 4. Modelling shows that NZ's major earning sectors such as sheep, beef, and dairy farming economic output could be halved. This makes no sense. 5. The Zero Carbon Bill fails dismally by not recognising the true impact of moving to 'green technologies such as wind and solar power. Once a 'Whole of Life Cycle Analysis' is carried out the impact of manufacturing these items demonstrates a gross negative cost in terms of cost and emissions. The use of steel and other resources makes a nonsense of the 'green technology claim.sss 6. The facts do not support the concept of taxing Methane. It is known that Methane is short-lived in the atmosphere. Without methane, New Zealand would have one of the smallest greenhouse gas emissions profiles in the developed world. It hangs around for about 10 years before it is converted to CO2. 7. Livestock are carbon neutral and thus methane from agriculture should not be included in emissions targets. For every unit of carbon the animal emits as CH4 it must ingest the same amount of carbon from its plant-based feed source, which, comes initially from the CO2 in the atmosphere. The animal is both the source of the carbon in methane and it is also the sink for the equivalent amount of carbon in CO2. In this sense the carbon-methane cycle - methane-to-CO2-to-forage-plants-to-animals-to-methane - is a closed cycle. The animal is CH4-carbon neutral. 8. The Bill makes no mention of the increased Methane emissions from the massive Government Tree Planting Policy. Trees emit Methane thus if methane is included the Government Policy and the Bill are in direct contradiction. In summary in my opinion the Zero Carbon Bill as proposed is a huge hoax, and will only drive the economy into a downward spiral.

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