

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 Carbon Dioxide - Reducing net carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050

Notes

short-lived gasses (methane) remain a major problem because they are constantly produced by agriculture and have a much higher negative impact per molecule

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

We must take responsibility for our actions and set an example for the world.

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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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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 - each incoming Government should have the option to review the third budget in the sequence

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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

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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

However, factors such as "economic circumstances" need extreme caution. Changing our activity regarding the climate requires changes to our economic and business motivation. We will need to see significant shifts in the way we prioritise and do business to ensure carbon emission and other environmental issues are not put in second place to dollar earnings.

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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

The Government needs to place this policy at the heart of developments so that all aspects of New Zealand life take on board the absolute need for a change in the way we behave. Everyone will need to contribute whether it by farmer and her cows, or urban travellers and their cars. Government needs to clear with the population that there is really no space for debate about carbon emissions and the attendant issues, because the alternatives for biodiversity and global environmental process are too awful to consider. In some way we need to engender a sense of wartime stoicism and grit so that nation takes pride in contributing.

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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

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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

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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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However, it depends on numbers. The CCC should comprise experts on the issues rather than emphasising the uptake or social "adaptation". Those are critical elements that certainly need to be addressed well, but thinning down the scientific expertise of the CCC to accommodate all skills would, I think, be a disadvantage. A subsidiary implementation team should be charge with identifying the best was to action objectives of the CCC.

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

Position

No

Notes

I suspect this will complicate the matter. The bill needs to focus on the environmental problem and solution, and note that appropriate and substantial efforts will be needed for the social change needed.

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

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