

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

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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

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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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This is a moving target and needs some degree of flexibility

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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

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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?

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Industry bodies and the people of NZ. Working with people produces a greater buy in of any targets that are set

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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

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

Notes

NZ farmers are the most efficient farmers with the lowest emissions in the world. We still have to feed a world population, and should be encouraging countries with the lowest emissions to produce it. Also, Farmers who have shelter belts should be able to use them to offset emissions. Farmers who already run a low emission system should be recognised for doing so and not disadvantaged by the

current high emitting farmers should any measuring system be brought in. In other words those farmers that are changing now should have credits for making monetary sacrifices now for the environment instead of pushing all the boundaries and reaping as much financial reward before rules are brought in.