

Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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

Notes

I have grave doubts about success but happy you are taking it seriously. See NZ govt stats online for "New Zealand's net greenhouse gas emissions have increased 54 percent since 1990". Any choice now is OK so long as you measure up against it and consider tightening it up later.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

Don't trust foreign carbon units. Also if I am ight and NZ fails they will just be a drastic cost for no advantage. If we are to give foreigners money do so by bribing third world countries to stop destroying native forest.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

self evident

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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

seems rational. will require all party support.

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6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (i.e. furthest into the future)?

Notes

Rather pointless since NZ govt has a history of totally missing climate change targets. maybe link minister's pensions to missing targets?

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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

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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

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Essential. In fact the most important fact. Please read Prof Jim Fynn's great book and try arguing with his conclusion.

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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

Notes

I've read page 47 but I can't see what you are talking about.

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

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