Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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Clause 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

Notes

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

Position

Net Zero Long-Lived Gases and Stabilised Short-Lived Gases - Long-lived gases to net zero by 2050 while also stabilising short-lived gases

Notes

Clause 3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

Isn't it cheating to use them from overseas? Just asking.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

More scientific evidence is coming to light all the time, so we need to be flexible.

Clause 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

No

Notes

Shouldn't there be more flexibility?

Clause 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

Notes

Clause 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

Notes

Clause 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
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<td>9. Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets?</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Flexibility needed</td>
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<td>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?</td>
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<td>No idea. Your job.</td>
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<td>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?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>12. What role do you think the Climate Change Commission should have in relation to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS)?</td>
<td>Advising the Government on policy settings in the NZ ETS</td>
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<td>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?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>It's important that the science is sound. By the way, science is never 'settled'. I think climate change sometimes verges on being a political football, and some scientific evidence is ignored if it doesn't fit the agenda. Too much hype and drama.</td>
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<td>14. Do you think the Zero Carbon Bill should cover adapting to climate change?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>15. The Government has proposed a number of new functions to help us adapt to climate change. Do you agree with the proposed functions?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>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?</td>
<td>No</td>
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