

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

Notes

Setting a net zero emissions as 2050 target (or earlier)

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

Position

Net Zero Emissions - Net zero emissions across all greenhouse gases by 2050

Notes

The legislation needs to be as comprehensive and ambitious as possible.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

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

Position

No

Notes

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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

No - emissions budgets should not be able to be changed

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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

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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

Apart from the broad principles of fairness, environmental sustainability etc etc, some supporting capacity building investment around climate change (programme planning & management, systems thinking, agile approaches etc) of the public sector will be really important. Might have the best legislation and excellent policy, but too often sub-standard implementation.

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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

Notes

The Government should be legally required to consider and formally respond to the Commission's advice, and to provide an explanation if they do not act on it.

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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

Notes**Clause**

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

Notes

There needs to be a significant programme around climate (and related environmental/green) skills and workforce development. The commission could set the framework and policy direction to assist in making this happen.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Adaption needs to be addressed, but it is a separate body of work re implementation.

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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**Clause**

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?

Notes

Great to finally see proper action in New Zealand on the most significant challenge we face on earth. Firstly, being among the few countries doing this at the moment, we might need to be prepared for other (especially small) countries to be looking at us as a model. It would be great if we could bear this in mind, and invite interested countries to learn from us and work with us - either as we do it, or after the fact. Secondly, and also on the capability theme - who is going to implement all these great ideas? People. Is our workforce ready with the right skills? Is our system (eg. education, training, businesses) geared up to support the people to do this climate management, mitigation and adaption work over the next 32 years? Policy makers? Technologists? And many other types of occupations. How can the Climate Commission influence and encourage the right and future-proofed settings for a climate workforce?

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