

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 Emissions - Net zero emissions across all greenhouse gases by 2050

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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

But it could be changed to make the goals stronger, only if with the right input from Climate Commission and approval by Parliament.

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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

Notes

This needs to ensure that with a change of government we don't lose the targets and budgets associated because then it could weaken this. We must move forward and take this on 100%

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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

No

Notes

Generally no, don't want the emissions targets to be reduced so there is a chance if a different government was to get in and wanted to soften them. There would need to be significant barriers to changing and probably would have to come from the Climate Commission to submit for a change, and then an act in Parliament.

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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

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

Implementing them. Making sure they happen. That they work with Māori and honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi, that the plans are fair, and of course include environment and sustainability as main components.

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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

It's really important that the Government is held accountable to meet the goals and that an independent authority does that.

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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

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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

Notes

Maybe infrastructure planning and effects of climate change on local regions, high tides etc. Also some knowledge of the wider region - the Pacific

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

Position

Yes

Notes

If adapting means responding to and addressing changes that occur over time from climate change - or potentially from climate change. We have to be able to manage what happens as a result from taking so long already to respond fully to this massive issue.

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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

Notes

We must know the full and open risks that are occurring or expected to occur. Information is power.

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

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It is about time NZ put this kind of action into place. I am thrilled that we are putting into place the targets for zero carbon by 2050... and if possible to make it happen sooner. This is the most critical issue facing humanity, and we must also ensure that we look after those who can least do so. We must lead the way and all do more than our fair share to make it easier for all. THANK YOU.