

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

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Aviation emissions should be included

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions (including from new forest planting) and using some emissions reductions from overseas (international carbon units) that have strong environmental safeguards

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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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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

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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

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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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9. Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets?

Position

No

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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

Forestry is a very short term feel good repair patch. For carbon to be eliminated, renewable energy on an enormous scale needs to be developed to replace crude oil, to achieve a sustainable carbon emission free future. Therefore this is where Government attention needs to be focused. Aviation emissions should not be swept under the carpet. They are major emissions producers.

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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

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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

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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

However there should be a very important requirement that all Commissioners have never had any publicly strong political opinions or biases

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

Position

Yes

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However it will be very difficult to extrapolate change from what would have occurred anyway. For example not every drought, rain storm, or high tide in future will necessarily be caused or even a greater intensity than it would have been in a world without emissions. Therefore it is important that all the adverse events that New Zealand experiences in future are not automatically assumed to be caused by human created climate change.

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

Notes

As already stated, Aviation emissions should be included in any Climate change bill. I do not consent to any part of my submission being posted on any website, or any other public forum.