

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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Methane is the most emitted greenhouse gas in New Zealand so including it has the most opportunity for improvement. Also because it stays in the atmosphere for a shorter time, reducing it will have benefits almost immediately. Net Zero emissions is the most ambitious option. We need to be ambitious and raise the standard for other countries. Net Zero emissions by 2050 will benefit us the most and increase our opportunity for mitigation and adaptation.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Notes

I support both of these options as long as the the overseas carbon units are legitimate.

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

Position

No

Notes

Its important that the zero carbon bill is strong and legally binding for whoever is in government.

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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

No, the government can change too often for it to be worth it. The emissions budget is too important for parliament to fight over every three years. This is a long term target for all parties to work together on.

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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

To meet emissions targets, policy must change.

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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

Notes

The considerations are important. There should be more though because climate change is a very broad issue. I would like the climate change commission to find out the most effective ways to reduce emissions, the changes that will cut the most emissions quickly. For example, dairy farming. Reducing dairy farms will have much greater impacts than reducing beef farms because dairy cows need more nutrients.

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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**Clause**

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

Its very important to work with social scientists. As well as policy change we need behaviour change. Essentially we need to change our behaviour to mitigate climate change and meet emissions budgets. Social scientists know how to change peoples behaviour effectively.

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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**Clause**

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

Add in a behaviour scientist because we need to change our behaviour in order to reduce emissions.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

We need a mix of adaptation and mitigation and often they go hand in hand. Changing our economy from animal farming to forestry is mitigation because it reduces emissions and adaptation because it will be easier under future conditions.

Clause

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

We need more! We must phase out animal agriculture and change our economy to adapt to climate change and be more sustainable.

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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

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

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Animal agriculture is the main driver of climate change. Please dont let our culture stop us from acting on it.

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