

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

The science is clear. Time to stop making excuses and get it done. Think long term and make the hard calls

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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

Net zero of all green house gasses. We will have to diversify our economy, as we have had to in the past. This does not need to be a bad change. There are opportunities if we act now.

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

Domestic emissions trading would be preferable. Why send millions offshore for fraudulent credits. Create a carbon market here; put an effective price on carbon and incentivise business to reduce emissions. It seems that most businesses who are thinking long term are asking for a price on carbon so they can adapt.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

The science should dictate what we do. Do not cop out and say that we can't do anything or pander to certain sectors of the country. We are all in this together. Climate change shouldn't be a political football.

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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

Again, the science should dictate this. I'm very uncomfortable with politicians using this as a way to score points.

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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

This seems like a good way to stop 'kicking the can down the road'

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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

Work with farmers. I think if people are given the evidence and a fair way of dealing with the problem, then people will be on board.

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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

Yes. I'm generally in favour of an independent commission to take the politics out of big/controversial issues. The risk is that it may not have any power

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

Notes

This is really important. Let the evidence guide policy and take the politics out of this. It's just too important to stuff up.

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