

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

Notes

The government should set a goal & the Climate Change Commission advises on the specific target 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 Emissions - Net zero emissions across all greenhouse gases by 2050

Notes

Targeting net zero by 2050 - anything less is self mutilation!

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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 only, as the whole world will be scrambling for access to International Units.....

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Yes, probability that target revision needed in response to observe change, thus including option for increased stringency of emission control. A

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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

Yes, a sound inbuilt flexibility is essential!

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6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (i.e. furthest into the future)?

Position

Yes - the third emissions budget should be able to be changed but only when the subsequent budget is set

Notes

Change in third emission budget only when subsequent budget is set up.

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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

Notes

Under independently assessed exceptional circumstances, yes, as in event of major natural seismic event....

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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

Notes

Yes indeed

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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

Categorically, 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

Certainly, for central government to work harmoniously and productively with provincial / local government, with the science and technology community, the productive sectors - we all have flesh in the game, ideas and endeavour to contribute! Synergy rules!

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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

Categorically yes, the CCC is the appropriate body to advise and monitor, to keep us honest to our targets!

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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

Makes decisions itself in respect of the number of units available in the NZ ETS

Notes

This removes ETS management from the volatility of the political arena

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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

Indeed yes, with a focus on science & technology, not to be hijacked by covert business agendas that may undermine the central, singular goal.... All parties involved must unequivocally bring a full conviction to effective climate management. Whilst Maori tikanga has value, ours must be a multi cultural endeavour, particularly as Pacifica have most to lose in the short run.

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Categorically yes, adaption is survival, there is miniscule chance of smooth passage through our near future!

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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

Yes! Acknowledging the piecemeal profile of adaption and uplift by provincial / local government and of the business and productive

sectors, a singular, coherent hand on the tiller is vital.

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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

Yes, the government should set up targeted adaption recording, keep the means of recording user friendly and involve broad spectrum input. Such engagement often brings growing involvement and commitment, if sympathetically managed!

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

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This is likely to be the singularly most important venture we will embark upon. The presentation you offer that I respond to now validates the seriousness of our endeavour. Make us proud of you, we will return the favour! Kia kaha