

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

Time is running out we need targets yesterday

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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

We need targets for all GHG not just CO2

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3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

Position

Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

Notes

Having the option to externalise our targets is not in the interest of future generations in NZ

Clause

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

Position

No

Notes

We need to set targets and exceed them. They need to be locked in so future governments cant change them for the interest of short term financial gain

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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

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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

In the event of a disaster the circumstances need to be specific and not open to interpretation of future governments

Clause

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 but equal resourcing for education and the social sector beyond just fuel poverty we need it also for issues life food and energy security. There has been a lot of funding in science so far so scientific research if it is focused on supporting solutions. The interests of business are important but no more than community and social interests. Addressing issues of equity are also part of the solution.

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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

Of course or how will e know if they are working for the next generation?

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

Community especially Maori and pacific communities, those already working on the solutions, community development. Education for all to understand how the issues of everyday behaviour and the big i true of climate change are connected once the public understand this targets will be easier to achieve, the use of social marketing can play a part here.

Clause

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

I especially like the adaptation reporting and the joined up approach

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

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

Notes

It has to be more than just an advisory role.

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

Yes these areas are good, I especially support the expertise of Maori and the community. You may want to add in health as health is a tertiary impact of climate change.

Clause

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

Position

Yes

Notes

Yes if it is just about what people cant do then it will not work. This issue is complex and lots of people don't want to engage as they see it as too big and hard so adaptation is a good way to sow people how to engage in a positive way.

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

Yes this is good a coordinated approach may need to include education around how the areas are connected.

Clause

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 some industries are already doing this eg Wine industry and insurance industry. This has to go buying profits and include community agencies working with people in food energy and fuel poverty as well.

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

Notes

Thank you for all your work getting the bill to this stage, it is looking great. There is hope for a low carbon future in NZ!