



Zero Carbon Bill

Submission from Brake, the road safety charity

What process should the Government use to set a new emissions reduction target in legislation?

Brake selected the option: The Government sets a 2050 target in legislation now.

Brake supports an ambitious long-term target being included in the Zero Carbon Act.

If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for NZ?

Brake selected the option: Net Zero Emissions – Net Zero Emissions across all greenhouse gases by 2050.

Brake supports the most ambitious target, to significantly reduce all greenhouse gases. We also support taking a scientific approach to ensure our efforts to reduce emissions have the biggest possible impact: we should aim for negative levels of long-lived gases, while reducing short-lived gases to sustainable levels.

How should NZ meet its targets?

Brake selected the option: Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

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

The 2050 target should not be altered in response to economic changes as this undermines its long-term certainty. However, the ability to revise the 2050 target in light of major changes in scientific understanding or international agreements should be permitted.

Other comments

Brake is particularly concerned about the impact that transport has on climate change as well as our health. We want to see clear and ambitious targets for reducing emissions from transport, and appropriate measures to help achieve them, such as investing more in walking, cycling and public transport, and increasingly moving freight by rail and sea rather than road.

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