## Reference no: 91

**Submitter Type:**  Business / Industry

### Clause 1.
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**

### Clause 2.
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**

### Clause 3.
3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?

**Position**
Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)

**Notes**

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

**Position**
Yes

**Notes**
New Zealand should target the best possible outcome, since compromises will inevitably happen along the way.

### Clause 5.
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**
Breaking emission budgets down in shorter time frames allows to revisit in a timely manner.

### Clause 6.
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**
Making emission budgets based on each parties policy is probably not ideal in regards to the greater good we are trying to achieve. However if the target can be lowered faster by making alterations, the current government should be able to revisit.

### Clause 7.
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**
See 6.

### Clause 8.
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**

Clause
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**
Apart from looking at renewable energy the government has to focus on the reduction of energy needs in the form of transportation, energy for housing and construction and providing better funding to the universities for research. Speaking from a building industry background - the scientific research for these issues should not be provided by the product supplying companies, or institutions funded by product manufacturers, but must remain independent!

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**
The commission should have some means of policing that targets are being met. rewarding the targeted industries with subsidies has proven most effective in other countries.

Clause
12. What role do you think the Climate Change Commission should have in relation to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS)?

**Notes**
Personally I am not convinced that Emissions Trading is an effective way to enable real change. As part of the Carbonzero Programme over the past few years I am aware that there are only 1-2 reforestation programmes within NZ, which is rather sad. Buying cheaper emission offsets overseas doesn't improve the local environment.

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**
Absolutely, no economists, please.

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

**Position**
Yes

**Notes**
Changing circumstances should always be considered at the time in order to achieve the best outcome, but not to compromise further on the targets.

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**

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?
Clause
Do you have any other comments you’d like to make?
Notes
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