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Clause 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
It is best to be flexible at this stage.

Clause 2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?
Position
Net Zero Long-Lived Gases and Stabilised Short-Lived Gases - Long-lived gases to net zero by 2050 while also stabilising short-lived gases
Notes
The Climate Change Commission needs to give balanced advice so that sensible decisions can be made.

Clause 3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?
Position
Domestic emissions reductions (including from new forest planting) and using some emissions reductions from overseas (international carbon units) that have strong environmental safeguards
Notes

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

Clause 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
No
Notes
There is not enough information in the OCYS document about this scenario to make a call.

Clause 6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (i.e. furthest into the future)?
Position
Yes - each incoming Government should have the option to review the third budget in the sequence
Notes
This offers maximum flexibility, which is important in a complex issue.

Clause 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 note above.
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<td><strong>8.</strong> 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</td>
<td><strong>Position</strong> Yes  <strong>Notes</strong></td>
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<td><strong>9.</strong> Should the Zero Carbon Bill require Governments to set out plans within a certain timeframe to achieve the emissions budgets?  <strong>Position</strong> Yes  <strong>Notes</strong> This is important for certainty and consistency</td>
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<td><strong>10.</strong> 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?  <strong>Notes</strong> There is insufficient information provided for a reply</td>
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<td><strong>11.</strong> 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  <strong>Position</strong> Yes  <strong>Notes</strong></td>
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<td><strong>12.</strong> What role do you think the Climate Change Commission should have in relation to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS)?  <strong>Position</strong> Makes decisions itself in respect of the number of units available in the NZ ETS  <strong>Notes</strong> This removes scope for political interference</td>
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<td><strong>13.</strong> 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  <strong>Position</strong> Yes  <strong>Notes</strong></td>
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<td><strong>14.</strong> Do you think the Zero Carbon Bill should cover adapting to climate change?  <strong>Position</strong> No  <strong>Notes</strong> This is not the role of the Zero Carbon Bill</td>
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<td><strong>15.</strong> 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  <strong>Position</strong> Yes  <strong>Notes</strong></td>
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<td><strong>16.</strong> Should we explore setting up a targeted adaptation reporting power that could see some organisations share information on their exposure to climate change risks?  <strong>Position</strong> No</td>
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Notes
The is a role for industries to undertake on their own.

Clause
Do you have any other comments you'd like to make?
Notes
None.