Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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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 2050 target in legislation now
   Notes

Clause
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

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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

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4. Should the Zero Carbon Bill allow the 2050 target to be revised if circumstances change?
   Position
   Yes
   Notes
   Yes if scientific evidence requires it but not for political expediency reasons

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
   Yes
   Notes

Clause
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

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

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
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:
Graduated change in farming types and technologies over the 32 year period. Federated Farmers, Fonterra, Farm Forestry Assn., Forest Owners Assn, Beef and Lamb NZ, Building industry leaders encouraging low C footprint buildings: NZ Institute of Architects, PrefabNZ. Transport sector companies need pressure to invest in electric vehicle technologies ; Esp Kiwirail - NIMT electrification, NZTA more emphasis on public transport and cycling, Oil Companies required to have electric car charging at every service station, possibly subsidised to small degree by petrol sales.

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:

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:

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

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

Position: Yes

Notes:

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

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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

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

Notes:
Publish the greenhouse gases % source diagram annually to show how the numbers change over time for NO2, CH3, CO2 incl how
ET scheme is helping to offset some of them. Diagrams are more powerful and more digestible than words and tables.