# Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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**Submitter Type:** Business / Industry

### 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**
Let the CCC do it's job.

### 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**

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

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

**Notes**
We need to step up.

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

**Position**
Yes

**Notes**
I imagine this is up or down - and down, should things get really bad.

### 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**
Always important to take a long term view.

### 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**
No

**Notes**

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

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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?

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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?

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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

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

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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

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

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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

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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?

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

Notes
The discourse shift from 18 months ago to now is amazing. This is very exciting and we're pleased to see NZ taking a lead and happy to see us take some risks as well. Let's go for it!!