Your submission to Zero Carbon Bill

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<td>1. What process should the Government use to set a new emissions reduction target in legislation?</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>As there are many areas of Climate Change science that is still to be substantiated I believe it would be prudent to set goals while we become assured of the science and not be coerced into an approach that would be difficult to back away from.</td>
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<td>2. If the Government sets a 2050 target now, which is the best target for New Zealand?</td>
<td>Net Zero Long-Lived Gases and Stabilised Short-Lived Gases - Long-lived gases to net zero by 2050 while also stabilising short-lived gases</td>
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<td>3. How should New Zealand meet its targets?</td>
<td>Domestic emissions reductions only (including from new forest planting)</td>
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<td>4. Should the Zero Carbon Bill allow the 2050 target to be revised if circumstances change?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>As stated above, there is a growing number of leading scientist that are withdrawing there support for the carbon driven climate change debate.</td>
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<td>6. Should the Government be able to alter the last emissions budget (i.e. furthest into the future)?</td>
<td>Yes - each incoming Government should have the option to review the third budget in the sequence</td>
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<td>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</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>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</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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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?
Position
Yes
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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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The Government need to work with all major stakeholders, in particular those most affected by the proposed changes. It is important that all those that benefit from the proposed Carbon Zero approach bare the majority of the costs of implementation.

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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
Position
Yes
Notes
As long as the appointment of Commissioners are independent and not a political appointment.

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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)?
Position
Advising the Government on policy settings in the 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
Position
Yes
Notes
It is essential that some of the commissioners are from the farming / forestry background.

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